

Chebeague Pre-K- Transitional K News – May 14, 2010

Wednesday was a very exciting long day. The children were cooperative play partners the Long Island students that joined us for field day. The children were mixed into 4 color coded teams and participated in a number of relays. It was a fun afternoon for all.

On Monday Sally supported the children in generating line drawings from their seaweed collages. Over the course of the week they all finished their drawings and then added paint.

Handwriting letters this week were V, M, N and W. M and N are both frog jump letters - big line down, then jump back up to the top. You can help reinforce this at home with the phrase "frog jump up" or "ribet".

Throughout the week the children have enjoyed presentations from the K-2 class of their fairy tale dioramas.

Practical Life/Art

- Hammering shapes onto cork with little nails
- Zen garden with a small rake and stones. This is an activity that came out with the introduction to Gandhi.

Sensorial

- A sorting, graphing work around the 5 senses
- Pentominoes - shape rotation and arrangement exercises

Language

- All worked on writing "Pre-K" and then decorating some of the volunteer appreciation invitations. Thank you to my sister Linda who was visiting and did this activity with each of them.

Math

- Counting by 5's with groups of 5 beads
- Counting by 2's with groups of 2 beads
- Time to the hour - sorting and matching

Cultural

- We found time to read Helen Cowcher's book "Antarctica" which shares information about some of the animals that inhabit that continent. It also reflects upon the impact of man in that environment.

Science

- We enjoyed walking on the extended part of the nature trail and reading the story "One Small Place in a Tree" in a mossy spot and then looking for holes and evidence of decomposition.
- A few dead insect specimens that I have brought in have generated a lot of interest so it seems we will stick with flowers and add insects instead of investigating amphibians. This ties in with the web of life stuff we did around Rachel Carson

Music:

- Copy Kitten, San Sans, "Kangaroo" and "The Freeze" with an extension of taking the pose of a designated peer.

Peace

- Gandhi is our new peacemaker. We talked about wants vs. needs. We talked about how he meditated every day and how he worked to solve problems peacefully.

Please remember to send your children with their library books on Fridays. Also if you have not recently done so please send in your child's early reader book so that they may swap it out for a new one.

Calendar updates:

May 21 - Library with K-2

May 25 - 6pm -Arts Night- at the hall

May 31 - No School, Memorial Day

June 4 - Island Commons Field Trip

June 15 - Last day of school - release at 11:30



Hammering



All white caps with subtle differences to sort, count and associate with the appropriate numeral.



Listening to some K-2 friends share their fairy tale dioramas



Senses matching/graphing work



The card game "Challenge" remains popular



Field day galloping relay

*Thank you for sharing your children
Miss Nancy*