

Chebeague Pre-K and K News – January 21, 2011

This was a short week with Monday being a stay home day in honor of Martin Luther King and Friday's snow day. Our big event this week was Stone Soup.

We read two versions of Stone Soup, and then retold the story with props and a flannel board pieces. On Thursday we made stone soup with veggies that each contributed. Our plans were to eat it on Friday but the snowstorm has put that off until Monday. Thank you for sharing the various vegetables to make the soup. The onion was especially interesting and we talked about chemical reactions occurring with onion and the water in our eyes.

Our K-2 poem this week was Shel Silverstein's poem: *Snow Ball*, which they all enjoyed.

Following are the new works:

Practical Life/Art

- Lacing - new items to lace - blue and green beads - great for making patterns

Language

- Snow Ball poem by Shel Silverstein (K-2 poem of the week)
- Stone Soup story retelling

History

- Full Moon - the Wolf Moon

Music

- For Thursdays music circle we did: Copy Kitten, Tap Big Lines (from HWTears), and Johnny Works with One Hammer.

Cultural

- Cardinal directions game for two people: start close to Prime Meridian/Equator; Spin compass rose for direction to travel and then roll the die for home many spaces to take. Goal is to get off the map (or as

the children say - go out of this world). This game prompted one child to make up another game in outer space.....

- The bulletin board switched from Europe to Asia but we have not yet talked about it. It did spur children to get out some of the continent folders though and explore the pictures.



K popcorn word this week: *as*

K spelling: *as and bed*

Calendar updates

- January 27:** Progress Reports come home
- Feb. 3:** Chinese New Year: year of the Rabbit
- Feb. 4:** Island Commons visit
- Feb. 8:** 100th day of school for K's



Pattern block design work



Making designs with shapes from the geometric boxes



"I like using a knife to cut up the carrots"



Story retelling of Stone Soup - One child reads the Stone Soup recipe for a friend and then they trades places

We will eat our Stone Soup on Monday

*Thank you for sharing your children
Miss Nancy*



Then we made Stone Soup - Washing the veggies