

Chebeague Pre-K and K News – January 14, 2011

Monday's weather was perfect for us to explore our shadows before visiting the nature classroom. Looking ahead we will continue to observe our shadows, noting changes as we progress through winter.

As a part of spirit week Tuesday's morning included four stations of physical activity games that an Inuit group might play on long winter nights. This was done as a whole school activity.

Wednesday's snow provided a great opportunity to introduce the water cycle. We sang a song called "The Water Goes Round A Circle". As part of the Island Institute's S.T.O.R.M.S. (Students and Teachers Observing and Recording Meteorological Systems) project we will be learning about the water cycle and the tools with which one measures weather data. The grades 3-5 have been working with GPS waypoints and the end of the day on Friday the K-2's were challenged to do a GPS scavenger hunt developed by the 3-5 class.

Friday we focused on Martin Luther King with a walk for peace activity. The children painted one another's feet with various skin tone colors and then walked with their friend. At the end they helped one another with foot washing. They did a great job and all had fun.

Following are some new works that have been rotated in.

Practical Life/Art

- Squeezing - fingernail clipping/cutting of narrow strips of paper
- Twisting - cleat
- Twisting - assembling a flashlight

Language

- Snowman and snow angel sequencing
- Consonant blend sorts have been swapped out to bl/br, fl/fr and words to match the pictures have been added

Math

- I have added counting chains for 6,7,and 8.
- K's were introduced to word problems involving taking apart/subtraction.

History

- Miss Nancy's birthday - she has been around the sun many times!

Peace

- Martin Luther King, Jr. has been added to Rosa Parks in the peace corner. There is a story retelling matching work for MLK. The K's worked with the grades 1 and 2 to cooperatively sequence time line cards of his life.



K popcorn word this week: *his*
K spelling: *his and her*

Calendar updates

January 27: Progress Reports come home

Feb. 4: Island Commons visit



Observing and tracing of shadows



The coin game- pennies (move 1), nickels (5), and dimes (10), remains popular



Preparing a friends feet for their walk



Grading of colors from light to dark



Washing up after their walk



Hey look I finally mastered the arch puzzle



Peaceful friends with their Walk for Peace work

*Thank you for sharing your children
Miss Nancy*