

Chebeague Pre-K News – October 14, 2011

We continue with our themes of snails, and plants - specifically seeds. The children loved peeling the seed coats off from soaked bean seeds and finding the embryo and cotyledon. We are observing bean seeds housed between paper and glass hoping they will sprout.

The Columbus Day holiday started us working with maps and making boats with walnut hulls, toothpick masts and cloth sails. Play dough provided ballast for holding the sail. Our next mapping work has involved a model of the classroom where a penny is hidden in the classroom and then marked on the model with a star for a friend to find the "treasure". Abby Israel spent her teacher in-service day on Tuesday teaching playing this game with the children.

Following are a list of some of the new works that have been rotated in.

Practical Life/Art

- Sponge squeezing
- Peg board

Sensorial

- Pattern blocks
- Triangle shapes
- Fabric matching with only sense of touch

Cultural

- Seed/Not a Seed sort
- Parts of a seed book
- Full Moon - Hunter Moon
- Columbus Day board game

Language

- Eric Carle books, Little Cloud and Walter the Baker

Math

- Sets basket with acorns
- Sets basket with wooden pieces

Music:

- Going on a Bear Hunt song has been a recent popular request

Peace

- Our peace circle story was "I believe in Me"

On muddy days please send your child in boots or send slippers.

Calendar updates

October 17: Tank critter collection - wear footwear appropriate for tide pooling

October 24: Fire Safety presentation

October 31: Walking School bus and Island Commons visit



Fine motor and cognitive- peg board sorting



Concentration/ Fine Motor: Sponge squeezing



Our plant experiment taught us that the most important thing for plants is water.



Looking for land, Columbus Day activity



Model of the classroom mapping work



Syllable sorting

*Thank you for sharing your children
Miss Nancy*