

Chebeague Pre-K and K News – March 18, 2011

Most of this week we were without our Pre-K friends due to illness or family trips. Meanwhile we have been learning a lot about weather and storms. We explored how a wind vane operates. They enjoyed exploring the wind vane but had more fun making it spin like an anemometer... (big surprise...)

On Wednesday we had a field trip to the NOAA weather station in Gray. The students were able to observe meteorologists tracking weather on computers, touch and feel a weather balloon (not inflated) and learn about the instruments that go up in the radiosonde. We played a game about thunder and lightening and listened part of the story Oh Say Can You Say What's the Weather Today? The K's now know that "when thunder roars, go indoors". That line was also one of our K handwriting sentences, which continue to be weather related.

On Thursday a leprechaun left a message and numerals hidden throughout the room, which the children found and then sequenced. At some point during recess another leprechaun visited and left clues to a hidden pot of green coins.

We concluded the week with our grade 1 and 2 friends guessing what favorite book character we were pretending to be. Mrs. Summa provided a yummy treat for the occasion.

Practical Life/Art

- Pouring work changed to green.

Language

- New visual matching - St. Patrick's day images
- Thank you notes to Mr. Mike at NOAA

Math

- Leprechaun pots of gold game
- Leprechaun shamrock game with two die

Science

- No new dinosaurs with Pre-K's absent
- Wind vanes and weather balloons

Cultural

- Africa is our continent of focus

Music

- Thursday's music circle included our own version of an Irish jig.

History

- Thursday we read a book about St. Patrick's Day
- March full moon - The Sap Moon

Peace

- Peace circle was about how each of us has a heart light that burns brightly when happy and is very dim when we are unhappy, sad, or frustrated. There is a work in the classroom that facilitates them revisiting this concept.

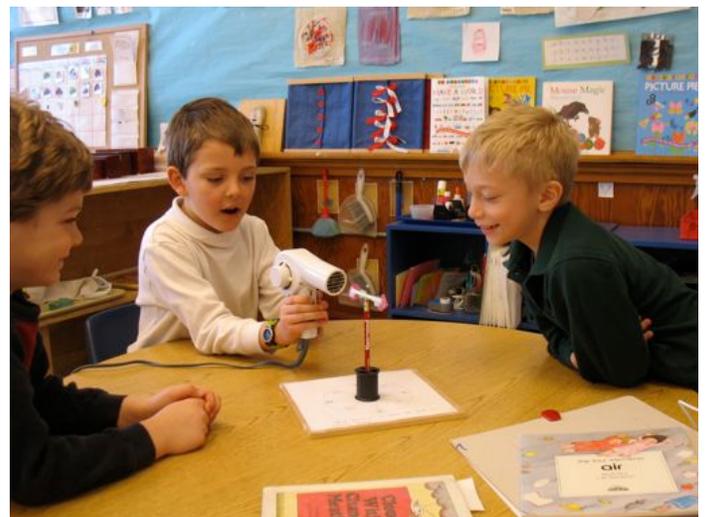


K popcorn word: *my*

K spelling: *hail, thunder*

Calendar updates

April 1 - Island Commons visit



Wind vane exploration



Documenting the daily weather



"Hello, do you like my hat?" from Go Dog Go



The leprechaun coin game



"He was shortish. And oldish. And brownish. And mossy. And he spoke with a voice that was sharpish and bossy." "I am the Lorax. I speak for the trees."



Working on vowel blends

*Thank you for sharing your children
Miss Nancy*