

# Chebeague Pre-K News – September 30, 2011

Chebeague's Island Fellow Caitlin has joined our class for two projects and plans to make regular visits. She helped them core and peel apples to prep them for becoming apple crisp and helped them make a season picture to accompany our seasons song.

Other thank you's go out to Kitty Freeman and Carole Metz for helping out with our game and taking photos when we visited the Island Commons on Friday. The children loved sharing their season's song accompanied with their paintings as well as our action songs with the residents participating. In our feely bag game each child was paired with a resident to feel in the bag for a matching object. It was a special time of sharing.

In our cultural studies we have transitioned from sorting living/non-living to sorting plant/animal. We have been observing our pet land snails, learning about their parts and doing some experiments with plants. One experiment is with 4 plants and variables of getting or not getting sun/water. By Friday it was pretty apparent that sun and no water was making one plant very sad.

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

## Practical Life/Art

- Scooping shells
- Spooning transfer of pecans
- Squeezing/patterns - unifix cubes
- Lacing wheel
- Weaving - felt strip on cooling rack
- Easel painting now has red, blue, yellow and white paint - they have discovered brown
- Spinach harvesting

## Sensorial

- New feely bags matching objects to insets
- Color matching and naming: red, yellow, blue, green, orange, purple, brown, black, pink, gray, white

## Cultural

- Sorting plant/animal (they should be able to tell you that animals have mouths)
- Parts of a plant puzzle
- Parts of a plant book making
- Snail puzzle
- Snail picture matching

## Language

- More rhyming sorts
- Manipulock boards - matching shapes and matching letters (upper case with lower case)
- Story retelling of Eric Carle's Rooster Off To See The World
- We have starting working in our Handwriting Books

## Math

- Bead chains 1-9 and 10-19.
- New sets basket with little wooden lobster buoys.

## Music:

- The love doing Head Shoulders Knees and Toes - regular, fast and slow
- Hap Palmer's Slow and Fast
- On the Count of Five
- Roots Song - my roots go down...

## Peace

- Our peacemaker is Fred Rogers.

*On muddy days please send your child in boots or send slippers. The children do a lot of their work on the floor and dirt and grass get in the way.*

## Calendar updates

**October 10:** No School, Columbus Day

**October 13:** Early Release 11:30 - no lunch

**October 14:** No School, Teacher Inservice



Fine motor: pinching or cutting off the leaves of spinach



Fine motor: sand tray drawing



Concentration: Yoga Candle Pose



Concentration/Coordination: Weaving



Observing the celery leaves that changed color from sucking up colored water.



Singing the Roots Song at the Island Commons: I am a Pine Tree.....

*Thank you for sharing your children  
Miss Nancy*