

Chebeague Pre-K News – December 16, 2011

This was one busy week with our holiday concert, St. Lucia day, and making gingerbread houses. Thank you to Miss Erika for helping with the gingerbread house project. The children are eager to take them home but first we will have them serve as the table centerpieces on Thursday lunch with the Island Commons residents.

They did a great job at the concert, performing and being good listeners.

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

Practical Life/Art

- Squeezing toggle bolts -a hidden object in one of three bags.
- Pouring with a funnel
- Baking St. Lucia day goodies

Cultural/Science

- Swedish holiday: St. Lucia

Sensorial

- Holiday pattern block templates

Language

- In our handwriting work this week we worked on numbers 8 and 9.
- Matching works of holiday trees
- Holiday letter matching work
- Holiday mazes

Math

- More patterning with a Christmas lights game board. I had one made and Caitlin helped them each make their own.
- They have been counting the days on the monthly calendar and on our days of school calendar (55 days so far!)

Music:

- During Thursday's indoor recess we watched a U-tube of two dances from Tchaikovsky's Nutcracker: Trepak and Waltz of the Flowers. I then replayed it

as they danced. They danced again on Friday without the dance projected on the wall. All discovered that it is hard to do what the professionals do!

Peace

- Our Peace Circle story was *Ruby Bridges*- a story about a young black girl who was assigned to attend an all white school in the early 60's.
- We had a mix it up day at lunch on Friday. All CIS students were given colored stickers assigning them to sit at certain tables.

If it is muddy or wet out, please send in a second pair of shoes or slippers for indoors.

Calendar updates

Dec. 20: First day of Hanukkah - although we will introduce the Hanukkah on 12-19.

Dec. 22: Winter Solstice - first day of winter - we will celebrate this on 12-20

Dec. 22: Island Commons residents join CIS students for lunch

Dec. 23 - Jan. 2: Winter Break, No School

Dec. 25: Christmas - we will read the Christmas story on 12-22.

Jan. 6: Island Commons visit

Jan. 13: Early release 11:30 - No lunch



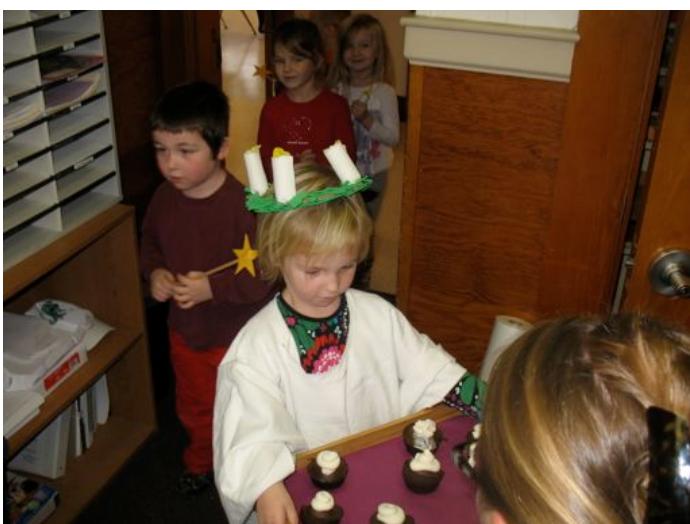
Holiday concert snap shot: The Season's Song



Making St. Lucia muffins



Each child made a game board with their own pattern of holiday lights.



Sharing the St. Lucia goodies



Tchaikovsky inspired us to dance



"Making gingerbread houses was really fun"
We started with milk cartons and precut pieces
of cardboard. We then had choices for paint or
collage. Thank you Erika for your help!



I like this pattern block activity

Thank you for sharing your children
Miss Nancy