

Chebeague Pre-K News – March 16, 2012

A lot has been going on since we returned from winter break. We finished up our fish unit and author study of Leo Lionni with an art project from the book Swimmy in which the fish learn to work together to keep them safe from predators.



Swimmy fish and the big tuna

Friday, March 2 was Read Across America day. We joined together with grades K-5 to learn a bit about Dr. Seuss. Each group then individually created their own Seuss like animal and then together created a story incorporating everyone's animals. The Pre-K's enjoyed working with all the big kids in Mrs. Westra's room.



Working on my creature inspired by If I Ran the Zoo by Dr. Seuss

For National Dental Health Month (February) the children explored a puzzle of a tooth, talked about the teeth of various animals and how teeth enamel is the hardest part of our bodies. We concluded with a game about healthy food for teeth and did some practice flossing.



Learning about flossing



We did some explorations predicting what would or would not move with human generated wind.

Our growing number line for the number of days of school is getting close to 100. Please help your child make a collection of 100 for our **100th day of school** (Monday, March 26th). Any 100 items that will fit in a gallon baggie is fine. We

will make predictions; compare weight, size, as well as count (10 groups of 10).



Coloring mixing from the 3 primary colors



Sorting and counting - with bird theme materials



Grading colors from dark to light



Our new continent is South America. I showed them two clips from U-tube of boats passing through the Panama Canal. There has been much reenactment of this in the block area. Here you see a big ship passing through the locks.



Squeezing work transferring colored water. This is great for fine motor planning and coordination.



Twisting - using a mortar and pestle to grind eggshells.



Learning about coordinates graphing - Draw a card and place a bird in the corresponding square.



On Friday morning mixed groups of Pre-K through grade 5 students worked together to make leprechaun traps.



We are learning that birds do not have teeth but have different shaped beaks depending on what they eat. They have learned that what makes a bird a bird is that all birds have feathers.



After making leprechaun traps the children did close range copying of the word IRELAND. We found Ireland on the globe and then made our own island landform with the flag of Ireland. Some wanted to add houses and or boats in the surrounding water with a contrasting color of play dough. They are so creative!



St Patrick's Day board game (counting) with pots of gold, gold discs, and trolls as leprechauns

Calendar updates

March 26th: Our 100th day of school

April 6th: Early release 11:30 no lunch served

April 13th: Early release 11:30 no lunch served

*****May 8:** New date for Arts Night 5:30pm - rescheduled from May 22

Thank you for sharing your children
Miss Nancy