

# Chebeague Pre-K News – December 20, 2013

Over the last two weeks we have learned about Rosa Parks, St. Lucia, Christmas, and the Winter Solstice. Along with cultural, math, and literacy lessons, they have been busy making holiday gifts, tree ornaments and gingerbread houses.



Math memory game with a holiday theme: Find two kisses with the same number



In preparation for the whole school Hour of Code day we played an unplugged version of Light-bot where the children were the robots. We took turns programming the robot to reach the square containing the blue dot. Very fun. The next day older students paired up with them to teach them the computer app and they knew what to do. Their journal entry was drawing a robot and you could have heard a pin drop as they were all so focused.



We had a day revisiting rhyming words and all our rhyming game boards were put to good use.



We celebrated St. Lucia day with flag making (Sweden), St. Lucia doll crafts and some baking. They politely served the grown ups, then all students enjoyed some gingerbread.



They used holiday cookie cutters to transform paper bags into gift bags.



Each transformed a blob of salt dough to into ornaments by rolling it out with a cylinder from the block area and cutting out shapes with cookie cutters.



Every year Sam Birkett generously shares her manger to support the retelling of the Christmas story. Then it is available for play.



Once baked and dry they painted their ornaments with paint and glitter.



As a group on Tuesday they glued cardboard squares onto milk cartons and let them dry. On Thursday got lots of squeezing practice adding paint dough to their gingerbread houses. The houses went home in their gift bags.



The school winter concert was Tuesday, December 17. They were all very excited about being on stage. They did a great job with three songs: Eight Candles (in Spanish), Tap Your Sticks, and Old Brass Wagon.



Math: 100 bead chain. Counting by 10's



Tic Tac Toe has been popular. They have done a great job taking turns and being graceful winners and losers.



On Friday we celebrated the sun and the winter solstice with a Brain Pop Jr. clip about the seasons and this model of the sun, earth, and moon.

**\*\*Pictures of their holiday gift in progress will be e-mailed on the 25<sup>th</sup>\*\***

### **Calendar Updates**

- Dec 21-Jan 5: Holiday break
- Jan 8: Island Commons visit
- Jan 15: Full Moon - Wolf Moon
- Jan 17: End of 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter
- Jan 20: No school - Martin Luther King Jr.

*Thank you for sharing your children!  
Miss Nancy*