

# Chebeague Pre-K News- Spring 2015

They continue to grow, learn and love.



*Practical Life - twisting cleat work  
Physical Science - exploration with magnetic spheres*



*Physical Science - sorting of magnetic/non-magnetic and both - Venn diagram*



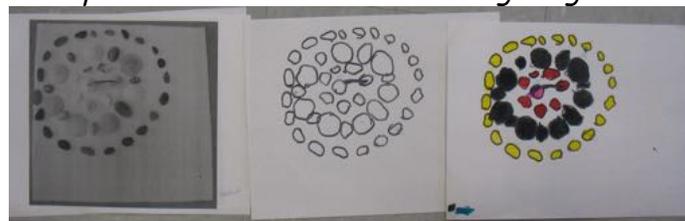
*Practical life - squeezing: garlic press and sponges - they squeeze out the water.*



*We had a VERY special event last month twice! Tom played the banjo and Linda shared her collection of limberjacks. We found that the children were most successfully working in teams. This generated the idea of pairing up with our friends at the Island Commons during our monthly visit. It was great fun both times. A big thank you to Tom and Linda .*



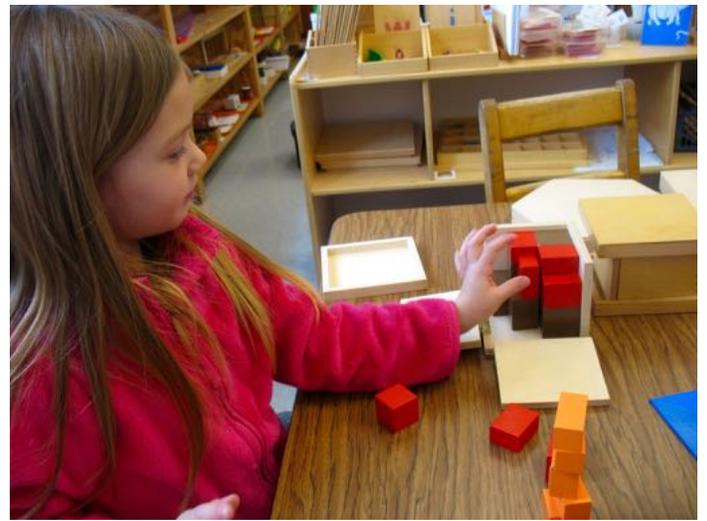
*The warmer weather inspired some nature art. Each child did their own design from which we did some variations and extensions. We also used our cooperation skills to create a design together.*



*Photo of original arrangement on left with extensions.*



*Fine motor & Art: Nature trail cairns in miniature.*



*The puzzle cubes grow their concentration as they explore mathematical concepts.*



*The replacement tree apple for one that was girdled by mice arrived just before spring break. The long box inspired some great wonder about its contents. We soaked the tree overnight and the following day did a riddle hunt for the fab five things that plants need to survive which cumminated in planting the tree.*



*After working together to squeeze the foam octagons together into a chain they did this. Typical of this group. Sharing is caring.*



*"The first will surely help me wake. It's cold in here for goodness sake! I must warm up and feel the light - Take me where it's warm and bright" Off they went to find a poster of the sun.*



*Language - we continue with our sorting of letter sounds and have added sorting by ending sounds.*



*Cultural Studies - Cinco De Mayo - flag making An opportunity to discuss history*



*Rachel Carson is our current peacemaker. This matching work retells some of her life story.*



*Miss Linda has been helping them with their earth globes. Paper mache goo, blue paper for water, then they added the continents.*



*Physical Science - ramp explorations - cove molding and marbles.*



### **Calendar Updates**

- May 7: Island Commons visit
- May 7: Arts Night 5:30-7!!
- May 18: Bird and Raptor Field Trip
- June 18: Last Day of School - early release

*Thank you for sharing your children  
Miss Nancy*



*They successfully grew nasturtiums from seed for their mother's day gift. They planted the extra ones next to the entry trellis of the "squiracle" garden (which is actually neither a square or circle)*