

Chebeague Pre-K- Transitional K News - June 15, 2009

It has been two weeks since I last did a newsletter and it speaks to how busy I have been in and out of the classroom. The children did a great job of entertaining those gathered for arts night. In future years I think we should try to practice with a real microphone ahead of time....

Thanks to Bob Earnest and Sue Burgess for helping us transplant our squash, watermelon and sunflower seedlings into the garden next to the tennis courts.

Our dramatic play area has waffle blocks to assemble and the children have been decorating houses and drawing roads.

Our nature classroom times have been short due to mosquitoes but we retrieved our buried trash and noted no decomposition but found some great grubs to explore. We have also played "look at me so I can toss it to you" with our trash balls (big wads of newspaper taped into a ball).

Our swim day was cold but the children were good listeners as they choo chooed around the pool edge and practiced kicking with noodles.

Our new works or circle time activities:

Practical Life & Art

- Hammering
- Easel Painting
- Twisting - chalk into salt (a favorite)
- Phone etiquette and phone book

Language

- Big Mouth Frog story retelling
- Little White Duck story reenactment
- Sheep in a Jeep is our current book on tape
- On pajama day we spent time doing buddy reading with our K-2 classmates.

Math

- Amphibian sorting and counting

Music

- Wind instruments - blowing over bottles
- Trumpet demo and sharing - thank you to the Belesca family for the loan.

Science

- Toad Observation
- Frog life cycle book
- Additional exploration with magnets

History

- We celebrated Miss Cheryl's birthday
- Flag day. We learned about the Pledge of Allegiance and made book marks

Geography

- Australia is our new continent. We finished Africa with a slide show and started Australia with a slide show with input from our K-2 friends.

Peace

- Gandhi is our new peacemaker. Some new yoga poses have been added and we did some guided meditation at our last peace circle.



We learned about wind instruments by blowing over different sized bottles



We pointed the sound out the window...



Look at the cool layers we make after stirring chalk into salt.



Hammering



choo choo under the bridge

Calendar updates:

June 16: Field Day Relays 10:30/cook out to follow

June 18: Step up day (9:15-10:15am)

June 19: Last day of school (release at 11:30)

*Thank you for sharing your children
Miss Nancy, Miss Cheryl*