

# Chebeague Pre-K News – January 6, 2012

New works focusing on snow greeted them on their return and all transitioned well. Friday I put snow in the sand/water table and they quickly noted how cold it was on their bare hands.

A highlight of our week was our visit to the Island Commons. We led the residents in clapping to The Old Brass Wagon, stretching to Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes, and moving their arms to Bop till you Drop. The children then divided up to play a round of the card game Challenge (aka war) with the various residents. The children were proud of their ability to teach the residents.

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

## Practical Life/Art

- Squeezing/sorting clothesline mittens
- Twisting - lock and key

## Cultural/Science

- Volcanoes - pictures, coloring, model

## Language

- Matching of snowflake pictures
- New pin punching shapes - snowman and mitten
- Snowflake puzzles - big and small
- Leo Lionni is our new author

## Math

- New sets works - sorting and counting colored pasta, counting ice tokens, counting cotton balls to match with numerals on snowmen

## Peace:

- Martin Luther King, Jr. is our new peacemaker. I was very happy that the bus image reminded them of the boycott that had been discussed with our studies of Rosa Parks.

*Unless temperatures are below 15 we will go out for recess. Please be sure to send your child in/with appropriate outdoor attire. Whenever possible please put names on outerwear.*

## Calendar updates

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

**Jan. 16:** No school - Martin Luther King, Jr.



Matching felt mittens then squeezing little clothespins to hang them up. This develops hand strength and fine motor coordination. The snowman puzzle supports visual discrimination and spatial orientation



Counting work. Glass tokens representing ice are counted and placed under the appropriate number card. The bowl contains the exact number of tokens needed making the work self-checking.



After sharing information at circle about volcanoes one was created in the block area.



Interest was shown in our one-page picture/word books which led some to them make the words with the moveable alphabet. All pictures mounted on pink reference phonetic three letter words that follow the cvc pattern (consonant/vowel/consonant)



Teamwork assembling the big snowman puzzle



*Good friends*



Working hard to make purple. "It took lots of blue"

*Thank you for sharing your children  
Miss Nancy*