

Chebeague Pre-K News – January 20, 2012

Cutting was big this week! It started on Tuesday with the book "Snip, Snip, Snow" which was about cutting paper snowflakes. We generated our own blizzard of scraps to sweep up. Did you know that 4 children could collectively cut 100 basket style coffee filters? Initially I had them all pre-folded but as the week progressed I left more of the folding to them. Along with our snow theme each child filled up a cup of snow and then predicted where the water level would be when it melted. They all predicted a full cup of water. After observing the result I heard "that was not at all what we thought it would be"....

On Friday we did more cutting with a "skeleton fish". It was a different type of folding and cutting but still had an element of surprise in how it turned out once gently unfolded. We called them skeleton fish but acknowledged that it was not at all like a real fish skeleton.

The other big highlight of the week was the concluding lesson to our volcano studies. First we reviewed the parts of a volcano. Then they smelled water, vinegar, and baking soda, watched as I added a bit of red food coloring before I mixed them into a bottle nesting inside the model volcano. It bubbled up, sending pretend lava out over the sides. No pictures - I was too busy!

Following are some of the new works:

Practical Life/Art

- Cutting snowflakes
- Cutting fish "skeletons"
- Squeezing transfer- marbles/aka fish eggs onto fish shaped tub mats

Cultural/Science

- Fishing with a magnet
- Is a shark a fish book

Math

- Abby Israel joined us on Cumberland's in-service day to help them measure and graph how many snowballs tall they were. Lie down, mark height, measure with felt snowballs, and then mark it on the graph.

Language

- Handwriting: reviewed E and worked on H

Peace:

- We read Scaredy-Cat Fish and talked about name-calling, and common sense.

Music

- We did rhythm tapping on our laps and then practiced moving our feet in step, tap, tap/step, tap, tap fashion as in a Minuet just like they did in the Kings court during Bach's lifetime.

Calendar updates

Jan. 23: Chinese New Year celebration

Jan.23-27: Spirit Week - check their daily update



Cutting a snowflake



Teamwork sweeping/shoveling up the "snowflakes"



Squeezing transfer - marble/eggs onto fish shaped tub mats



Landform work - island/lake



Look! I caught a fish - magnetic fishing line
Fishing for old fishing lures (hooks removed).
They all wondered why the fish had no tail fins
but then they understood when we talked about
the original intention/use of the lures.



Counting how many snowflakes tall for Miss Nancy



Wow, this is really cool - cutting a fish "skeleton"



Twisting yarn to make a necklace. This was a
spontaneous request to make a gift for a friend.
We made friendship bracelets in December but a
necklace involves a lot more twisting and patience
especially if one drops the yarn or the tape releases.
With teamwork we had some success.

Thanks for sharing your children- Miss Nancy