

Chebeague Pre-K- Transitional K News – October 16, 2009

Our focus this week was fire safety. Early in the week we practiced "if your clothes catch on fire to stop, drop, and roll." It was presented as a beach campfire scenario. When we talked about fire safety in the home the emphasis was on stay low and go, and get out, and stay out. We also talked about the importance of a family meeting place. Each shared their spot but I encourage you to review this with them and also to share it with all who might visit your house throughout the year. A big thank you to Ginny Ballard from the Chebeague Fire Department who joined our class at first circle on Friday to review, practice, and answer questions.

Friday also found us out in the garden harvesting the moon pumpkin, potatoes and broccoli. We talked about the plant parts we eat and tasted the broccoli with mixed enthusiasm at lunch. The pumpkin provided a scooping exercise but did not produce enough seeds for us to roast up. You can follow up the plant parts we eat and where our food comes from at home meal times. Thanks to Bob Earnest for his ongoing efforts with the children in the school garden.

Following are some of the lessons, which were presented to all either at circle or individually. Other lessons are given individually based on the child's interest and/or readiness.

Practical Life/Art

- Orange rice is the new substance for pouring and scooping
- Twisting - partnering various nuts and bolts
- Finger painting on paper

Sensorial

- Blue triangle box - Various shapes and sizes of triangles to match, flip, and arrange to make other geometric shapes.

Math

- Fire fighter equipment number sequencing work

Science

- Plant/Animal picture sort
- Assemble a plant - roots, stem, branches, leaves, flower
- Parts of a plant puzzle (roots, stem/trunk, branches, leaves)

Language

- Handwriting #2
- Fire truck and safety people puzzles
- The word EXIT
- Eric Carle is still our featured author

Music/Movement

- Rocket ship/Pencil (learning how to do jumping jacks)
- Stop, Drop, and Roll Song
- Beethoven is our composer for quiet eating - ask your child about him (never married, no children, went deaf) and why some of his music is emotional, sometimes angry sounding.

Geography

- We added "water" onto our globes by pasting on various colors of blue and green tissue paper.

Peace

- Fred Rogers is our new peacemaker

Calendar updates:

Oct. 20 - School photo day

Oct. 30 - Pre-K may wear costume to school

Oct. 30 - Island Common's field trip

Nov. 12,13 - Sam Birkett to sub

Classroom reminders:

Please send in school photo form on Monday. If you don't want any photos please send note so indicating.



Assembling a plant from a pile of plant parts



I want to be a fire fighter



Harvesting broccoli



Checking out the inside of Engine 4



Twisting- pairing nuts and bolts & Safety people puzzle

*Thank you for sharing your children
Miss Nancy*