

Chebeague Pre-K- K News – September 17, 2010

Once again we had a week full of exciting activities. Monday morning we harvested 109 cherry and pear tomatoes although not all 109 made it to the kitchen, as some were consumed during the counting exercise. Monday afternoon we observed habitats on the school nature trail.

We welcomed a new student on Tuesday. The children have done a great job of showing him the classroom routine and helping him feel welcome.

On Wednesday the whole school took the bus to Bennett's Cove to procure animals for our school saltwater tank. Crabs, hermit crabs, snails, whelks, mussels, and barnacles were collected and Chris Rich has since added a sculpin to the tank. Wednesday afternoon pumpkins were harvested from the garden and set to cure in the greenhouse and then we shivered our way through swimming for PE.

Thursday we made camouflaged fish for the hall bulletin board and the K's played a cooperative game of tag with grades 1-5 at the end of the school day.

Friday was more of a "normal" day. We started our science experiment of what plants need. The children will be scientific observers and recorders of how the four plants respond to sun, air, and water or lack thereof. Friday afternoon the K's started working on their first reader's theatre piece called *Stormy Weather*. Once ready we will look for an opportunity to share it with an audience.

Some monarchs were released on Monday but the chrysalis by the front door of the school is still intact and under daily observation.

Practical Life/Art

- Art colors were blue and yellow and students mixed them to make green. Some then used their green to help create a fish that would be well camouflaged on the

green paper of the hallway ocean habitat collage.

- The scooping work had objects added to find and match 1:1 counting.

Language

- The Kindergarten popcorn word this week was "is" from the poem *Sleeping Outdoors*.
- Our current author study is Robert McCloskey.
- New spelling words for K students this week were *mat* and *sat*.

Math

- Students worked on making patterns with two colors in preparation for apple printing on Monday.
- The apple picking game has been very popular. It involves reading a die and 1:1 counting.

Science

- Sorting objects and pictures of living/nonliving.
- Sorting pictures of land, air, and water

Music:

- Music circle this week was *Copy Kitten, Walk and Stop (a listening & following direction song)* and *Music, Music, Music* (which uses rhythm sticks).

Peace

- For this weeks peace circle we talked about the United Nations flag and shared "Acts of Kindness" from our Kindness Jar.

Calendar updates

Sept. 23: All-school field trip to The Children's Garden at the Boothbay Botanical Gardens. Be ready at your earlier pick up time for the 8am boat. Return to Chebeague on 4pm boat.

Sept. 24: Island Commons field trip PreK-2

October 11: No School - Columbus Day, PE will occur on Wednesday that week

October 19: Picture Day



Harvesting cherry and pear tomatoes



Counting and some eating of harvest



Twisting tops to appropriate container - concentration and fine motor practice



Observing and recording what plants need experiment



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*Thank you for sharing your children
Miss Nancy*