

Chebeague Pre-K and K News – October 22, 2010

We started the week with a reading of *Chicka Chicka Boom Boom*. Lois Ehlert did the illustrations. Miss Sally facilitated the children making their own coconut tree collage with their favorite part of the story noted. Chebeague's island fellow, Caitlin, was observing that day so the children had plenty of grown ups with whom to share their story retelling.

Many activities this week focused on fire safety. We read many books, sang songs, talked about where and how to exit, and about family meeting spots. A big thank you to Chebeague volunteer firefighters, Ginny and Joe Ballard for visiting the school with Engine 4 to demonstrate fire fighter turn out gear, SBCA tanks and to answer questions.

BJ came in on Wednesday afternoon to continue his art project with the elementary children. Between BJ's special art project and fire safety, Wed. was a busy day. We concluded the day with some fun whole school cooperative games outside (The Knot, I Like, and 4 Corners).

Thursday morning we harvested winter squash from the school garden by the rec. We look forward to having butternut squash soup once the weather gets cold.

Friday afternoon we had a special presentation from Chewonki on animal adaptations. They helped everyone think about how an animals mouth, hands, feet, and body covering all work well for that particular animal. They had some live animals too, an Eastern Box turtle, a Corn snake, and a Tarantula. Pretty cool!

Practical Life/Art

- Black and White added to the easel colors

Language

- We continue with letter sound sorts and spelling words using the moveable alphabet
- In a dark dark woods stories
- Handwriting letters this week were A,I,T,and J. On Wednesday the K's reviewed the magic C capitals: C,O,Q,G.

- Pumpkins and ghosts for pin punching
- Pumpkin faces and a different ghost faces are new choices for matching
- They have been enjoying the many Halloween themed mazes and dot to dots.

Math

- Firefighter images counting work

Science

- Our nature classroom feely box item was a plant root. We finished the book, *One Small Tree*, outside and then looked for evidence of life other than just the plant on living and dead trees.

Music

- Our special song for music circle was *Fly Like a Bat*.

Peace

- Our peace circle story was *We Are a Rainbow*. The story talks about differences and similarities of children living in two different countries. We also talked about the flag of the United Nations, and United Nations Day.

Calendar updates

October 29: Walk to school Costume Parade

October 29: Trip to the Island Commons

November 15: Possible early release day

November 17: Veterans Day - No school

December 7: Holiday concert - evening



K popcorn word this week: "up" from Robert Louis Stevenson's poem *The Swing*



Chicka Chicka Boom Boom reprise...



Firefighter turn out gear provided opportunities for snapping, buckling.....



Firefighter related items counting work



.....and dressing up



Thinking about mouth adaptations of reptiles with the teacher from Chewonki

*Thank you for sharing your children
Miss Nancy*