

Chebeague Pre-K and K News – December 17, 2010

We started out the week celebrating St. Lucia Day and tied it into our immigration studies with an excerpt from the American Girl book series *Kristen's Surprise*.

If possible, please review the words to *Put Your P.J's On*. As a part of Tuesday's concert the children will be prompted for the response to "put your p.j's on". During Wednesday's rehearsal the children did well attending to work and coloring options. We will have another rehearsal on Tuesday afternoon. Pre-K's will stay until 1:30pm.

Following are some new works that have been rotated in.

Practical Life/Art

- Squeezing - clothesline hanging
- Squeezing - new objects to transfer/sort with tongs
- Squeezing - star clip matching
- Twisting - big nuts and bolts
- Twisting - screw driver and screws
- Spooning - new holiday theme objects to transfer
- Holiday pop up cards
- Making holiday wrapping paper - stamping

Language

- We continue to work with the Handwriting without Tears program. Lower case g's were challenging for K's and the Pre-K are working hard to remember to do big lines starting at the top before doing any little lines or curves.
- The K's are working with the phonograms ch, sh, th, ph, and wh.
- Mirror words - fun way for K's to practice reading simple consonant/vowel/consonant words

Math

- K's are working on place value
- Dominoes for matching quantities of dots

- Every Wednesday the K's work on addition story problems.
- Decade strips - seriating 1-10 and pasting them on a decade strip, then choosing 11-20, etc

Music

- I did my best to introduce two ballet positions. We watched a short clip on U-tube of the Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairy and The Russian Dance from The Nutcracker.
- A keyboard has been added as a work choice.

History/Cultural/Peace

- We celebrated a birthday with a birthday circle.
- Our peace story was the first part of children's book about the origins of jazz that addressed the forced immigration and the slaves' efforts to escape their masters.



K popcorn word this week: "that"

K spelling: this and that

Calendar updates

December 21: Holiday concert - 5:30pm
****Students need to be at the hall at 5:15.**
Remember to wear dark pants and plain white shirt.

December 21: First day of winter - Solstice celebration at second circle

December 21: Whole school secret Santa party - your child drew a name. Let us know if you don't know who your child drew!

December 22: Afternoon K-5 Student thank you writing and holiday workshop.

Dec. 23 - Jan. 2: No school, holiday break

January 7: Island Commons visit



Revisiting Mat Man



Mirror reading



Squeezing - clothespin practice



Exploring a piano keyboard



Math - decade work



Sorting, counting and associating to number line

*Thank you for sharing your children
Miss Nancy*