

Chebeague Pre-K and K News – January 28, 2011

We enjoyed our Stone Soup for snack on Monday and watched yet another version of the story that is on UTube with lots of "s" foods: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KUDluobkm4s>

Our meteorologist has been collecting data with their older school peers but we continue to graph our own observations in the classroom. We had our first "white" day this week meaning the outside temperature around 8:30am was below 20°.

We have been practicing saying anemometer, barometer, precipitation gauge, and thermometer. The K's all found the "mom" chunk in the middle of anemometer and thermometer. We have a three part matching work to help them learn which instrument is which. Looking ahead we will be making some of our own weather instruments and doing some classroom explorations of the water cycle.

With the grades 1-5 out on a field trip on Friday we took advantage of having Mrs. Summa to ourselves. We made smoothies for snack and for lunch, French Toast. Of course they loved the egg cracking and mixing. They tasted both real and fake maple syrup and they ate every last bit!

With our transition to studying the continent of Asia some Chinese New Year works are on the shelf and more will come out next week.

Following are the new works:

Practical Life/Art

- Spooning - noodles - Chinese bowls and spoon
- Squeezing - sushi (erasers) with tongs

Language

- Gl/gr, tr/tw, cl/cr beginning blend sorts
- Our featured author is Leo Lionni
- We continue to do rhyming for circle dismissals.

Music

- For Thursdays music circle we did: Copy Kitten, The Shapes That Surround You and then Wildflower Start/Stop which they really enjoyed. It is a different version of the freeze when the music stops.

Science

- Inside the earth - model, three part matching, and book making

Cultural

- The children are fascinated with the image from the Asia folder of a person floating and reading in the Dead Sea without a raft. I hope I can put together a work exploring the buoyancy difference of regular vs. very salty water.

Peace

- We talked about how Martin Luther King worked peacefully to change the laws. We listened to "We Shall Overcome".
- We have been working hard in our classroom to be peaceful to our classmates. All are trying to use I statements about our feelings when we don't like something that is happening.



K popcorn word this week: *like*

K spelling: *like, made*

Calendar updates

Feb. 3: Chinese New Year begins: year of the Rabbit

Feb. 4: Island Commons visit

Feb. 8: 100th day of school for K's



Exploring the Inside the Earth model



Teaching a friend how to make pink



The 45 card layout with beads (1-9000)



Making French Toast



"Push the red button to start"



The weather outside on Friday was wonderful.
We walked the trail but first made snow angels.

Thank you for sharing your children
Miss Nancy