

# Chebeague Pre-K News – November 16, 2012

Over the last two weeks we embraced many things patriotic around Veteran's Day, the election, and looking back in history when slaves ran away from mean masters. We continue to study seeds and have enjoyed watching our bean seeds sprout. One plant already has its first leaves and another has gotten moldy - lots of opportunities for observation and questions.

Practical Life/Art - these works help develop hand-eye coordination, fine motor skills, and concentration:

- Pouring - small pitchers now have colored water in them.
- Squeezing - transfer of water with a sponge from one dish to another
- Squeezing with patterns - square loops to hook together
- Playdough is now pumpkin spice and it smells like pumpkin pie.
- Hammering - golf tees into a pumpkin
- Food group sorting and puzzles. You can support this by talking about where food comes from when

Sensorial - using the senses to discriminate:

- Added a work matching weighted rectangular prisms. Language opportunities of lighter, lightest, heavier, heaviest.

Cultural - science, history, geography, peace:

- Seeds - parts of a seed book.
- Peace - we pretended to be slaves and snuck out to recess following the stars through the north door of the school.

Language:

- Our handwriting lessons over the past two weeks have included E, V, T, I, and U.
- We are still reading stories by Eric Carle
- I have introduced the i-pad to them and they have worked with apps involving phonics, rhyming, and math

Math:

- Bead chains for counting have been added.

- New graphing work involving a spinner with fall items (scarecrow, pumpkin, owl, and turkey). They stamp what they spin on a graph.

Music:

- Copy Kitten song, Fast/Slow, Freeze dance, and our Holiday concert song

## Calendar updates

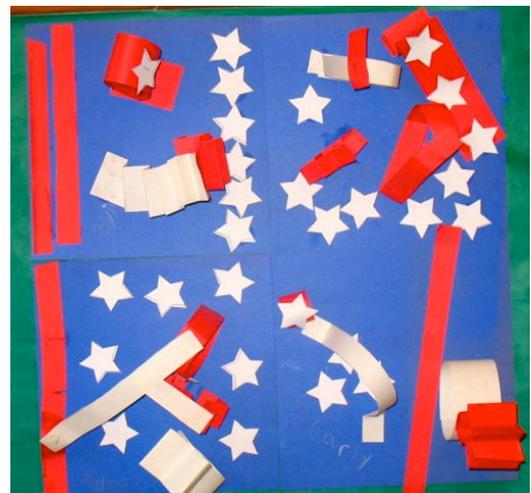
**Nov. 21-23:** Thanksgiving Holiday/No School

**Dec. 17:** Slightly extended day for holiday concert rehearsal

**Dec. 20:** Holiday Concert 5:30?



Using the moveable alphabet with 3 letter consonant vowel consonant words.



Polly helped each child made a 3-D patriotic square, which we hung up together



Starting a big counting work - one bead for one, two for two etc. - it goes up to 9000 (don't worry the 10, 100's and 1000's are rods, flats, or cubes) - for now they have only explored into the teens



The tying frame



Pumpkin hammering - Thanks to the Rich family for donating the pumpkin



Note the flag in the leaders hand. Marching to a song about freedom, "March of the Wee Americans"



Making patterns - ghosts and pumpkins



Sponge Squeezing transfer

*Thank you for sharing your children!  
Miss Nancy*