

Chebeague Pre-K News – March 30, 2012

Monday was our 100th day of school! We had lots of fun predicting which 100 collections would be heavier and following that up with some investigations. You can follow this up at home using words such as weighs more, weighs less, heavier/lighter, weigh the same, are equal.



Weighing various parts of our 100 collections



Comparing the weight of various geometric solids

We continue to learn about birds. They have added color to their birds and Caitlin supported them making a drawing of their bird. On Tuesday each made a nest for their bird with materials that they had collected (along with an oatmeal cylinder and small paper bags to help). Thursday they were introduced to owls and they

dressed up with super eyesight, a sharp beak and sharp talons.



Their birds in their nests: Red breasted woodpecker, and three cardinals.



What is it like to be an owl?



Practical life - sock matching and rolling - have them help you with the laundry.

Peace - we had peace circles on both Mon. and Fri.

- Our new peacemakers are ourselves. The magic mirror box was passed around and when they looked inside they saw a very special peacemaker.
- Friday I shared the nesting box lesson which takes them from a very special place in the: universe, solar system, Earth, North America, United States, Maine, Chebeague, Chebeague Island School, to a small wooden heart which represents them. This lesson helps them begin to get a sense of being a part of something much bigger that is all related.



The sock matching involved some sock puppet play.



Math: Tally marks were introduced. This is a self-correcting matching work. Look for opportunities to use tally marks at home. Making tally marks in the sand with a stick is fun.

Calendar updates

April 6: Island Commons field trip

April 6: Early release - teacher in service

April 13: Early release - Conferences.

April 15-19: Spring Break

May 7: The Pre-K's will have slightly extended days on both Monday, May 7 and Tuesday, May 8 for rehearsals. My best guess is 1:30 departure from hall both days.

May 8: Arts Night 5:30pm at the hall

* Please continue to send slippers with your child so that we are not tracking mud into the classroom.



Some friends from Mrs. Westra's class shared a reader's theatre. Rocky Raccoon was annoyed with Mr. Bird's singing and wanted to know why he tweet tweet tweedled all the time.



Making patterns with the knobless cylinders

Thank you for sharing your children
Miss Nancy