

Chebeague Pre-K News – May 11, 2012

We have been very busy since we got back from spring break. We read *Bartholomew and the Oobleck* by Dr. Seuss. As we measured and stirred the ingredients we pretended to be the magicians from the story. There were a few dinosaurs into the Oobleck to encourage play (which were not part of the story).



Oobleck Fun



How many tiles equal the weight of the dinosaur? I had smaller ones out, which they weighed, but they then sought out the biggest one of all!

We focused on four dinosaurs: Tyrannosaurus and Triceratops and then Stegosaurus and Apatosaurus. They learned who were plant eaters and who were meat eaters and that the plant eaters ate stones (gastroliths) to aid digestion. At circle, two baggies of leaves were shared, one

with stones and one without. We rubbed them together to demonstrate the action of the stones in their stomach.



Painting dinosaurs for a collage project



Friends reading together in the peace corner

Our new science unit is insects. They are enjoying the insect finger puppets, constructing an insect with parts from an old game of Cooties, playing cover the board with ladybug die, and weighing the different plastic insects (this time with beans instead of tiles).

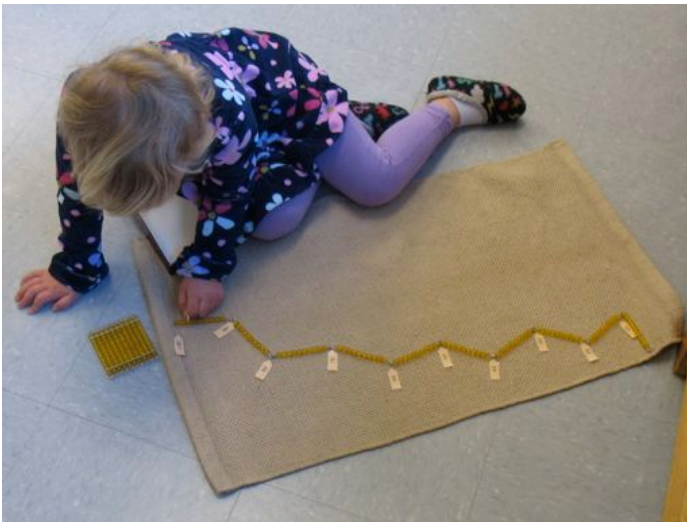
In handwriting we are reviewing numbers. We will review some of the uppercase letters and then will work on some of the common lower case letters common to their names.



Hammering - various wooden shapes with little nails



Pouring using a sieve (sifting beads)



Bead chain for counting by 10's to 100



Heartlight Peace work. - when we make good choices and are treated with kindness our heartlights are bright.



Playing the mirroring game with friends at the Island Commons on May 4th. We did this to Pachelbel's Cannon in D. We started with the children leading and then switched. It was pretty magical.



They wrote Mother's Day messages in white crayon and then painted over top to reveal their messages.



Twisting work - using a rotary beater to make bubbles (add water and add a squirt of liquid soap)



Admiring the moss during our nature classroom walk on Friday.



Because of rain we did our May Pole fun on May 3rd. Here some K-2 children have joined in.



Earthworms were our journaling prompt on Friday.

Music: Instrument groups of the orchestra

Over the next four weeks we will be learning about the different instrument groups of the orchestra. This week we took turns being the conductor while others explored various percussion instruments.

Peace:

Rachel Carson is our new peacemaker. We have been talking about food chains and taking care of our earth. There is a recycling work in the classroom. On Friday we checked out the school compost bins and then buried paper, plastic and metal in the nature classroom. We will dig them up next week and observe what has happened.

Language:

Our new authors are Mo Williams and Rosemary Wells.

Calendar:

May 18: Maine Audubon field trip

May 25: Step up day for incoming 2012-13 Prek
They will ride the bus and join us until 9:30.

WED afternoon May 30: Field Day with Long Island - Pre-K's encouraged to participate

June 1: Island Commons visit

June 8: 10:50 - End of Year Slide Show

Happy Mother's Day
Miss Nancy