Chebeague Pre-K News – May 4, 2013

This week we continued with Care of Earth related activities by adding land onto our paper mache globes (thanks Polly) and talking about food chains.

Here she is making a food chain. One starts by nesting the graduated sizes of hollow cylinders. One starts with the sun, then grass, insect, little fish, big fish, and eventually people. The children have paper strips with those images and words to make their own paper food chain. This work involves cutting, sequencing and gluing and has generated some good conversations.

Our current peacemaker is Rachel Carson. This is the matching work that helps to retell her life story. I also had out a copy of <u>Silent Spring</u>, which provoked the comment "there are lots of words in this book". He found some pictures too.

A new pouring work- pouring to a line. Each of the tubes has a line on it. Because they are tall and narrow they fill up pretty quickly so one needs good motor control of ones hands and lots of concentration.

We celebrated May Day on May 2 by dancing around the maypole (I had transformed the tether ball pole) and by making a May Day basket of paper flowers. We took our May Day basket to the Island Commons where we also shared some of our favorite songs and dances.

Exploring the parts of a flower.

Daffodils are great for looking at the parts of a flower. Learning about the parts of flowers will help us understand how honeybees do their job. Some of the children like to pretend they are a honeybee going from one flower to another.

Calendar updates

May 6 & 7: Extended day for rehearsals– guessing drop offs will be around 1:45pm

May 7: Arts Night doors open @ 5:00

May 9: Field trip to Post office and Bee Hive

June 6: Step up day

June 7: Field trip to Winter Hill Farm 8am boat home on 12:15

June 11: Family barbecue with field day to follow – extended day for PreK

June 14: End of year slide show 11:10-11:45

June 17: Last day of school. Dismissal at 11:30am

Thank you for sharing your children –
Miss Nancy