

Chebeague Pre-K- Transitional K News – October 2, 2009

Our themes this past week have been apples, snails, and colors. Our apple activities culminated in printing apple patterns that now adorn our classroom wall.

We have pet land snails in our classroom and have been observing their body parts. Ask the children where the eyes are located (*on the end of the 2 top tentacles - in case you didn't know*).

On Tuesday we talked about fire drills as I thought we would have one. Instead we were all surprised on Thursday with our first drill.

Following are some of the lessons, which were presented to all either at circle or individually. Other lessons are given individually based on the child's interest and/or readiness.

Care of the Environment

- Needs of a snail.

Practical Life

- The material for scooping, pouring and sorting has shifted to sea snail shells.

Art

- Color mixing with primary play dough colors
- Sculpt a snail

Sensorial

- Additional knobbed and knobless cylinders - these aid the development of visual discrimination through variations of thickness & height, and aids development of concentration and independence.
- I spy colors work

Math

- Making patterns - apples

Language

- Prewriting exercises- pin punch an apple
- Handwriting - writing number 1
- Our new author is Eric Carle

Music

- *Crayon song* - (about how you hold a pencil)
- *Voice play, Copy Kitten* (echoing sounds)

History

- New month - we dismantled the September calendar and started October noting new icons we put up representing upcoming holidays or events.
- Full Moon - Harvest Moon

Cultural/Peace

- Kindness jar - actions listed were shared at lunch on Friday.
- Our peace circle activities were sharing helping hands actions from the week prior, and, talking about moon phases.

Calendar updates:

Oct. 8 - Early release - 11:30 (no school lunch)

Oct. 9 - No school - teacher workshop

Oct. 12 - No school - Columbus Day

Oct. 20 - School photo day

Oct. 30 - Island Common's field trip

Nov. 12,13 - Sam Birkett to sub

Classroom reminders:

Peace corner pictures please.



Snail exploration - one chose on their arm and one on a lettuce leaf.



Look they are crawling up my arm



Not sure I am so excited about them anymore



I pin punched out an apple

*Thank you for sharing your children
Miss Nancy*