

Chebeague Pre-K- Transitional K News – September 25, 2009

The children continue to hone their powers of observation both in the classroom and in nature. Lots of activities are provided for them that involve sorting, what's different, and what's the same. These will help them build their visual discrimination skills essential for letter identification and decoding words.

On our science/geography shelf the living/non living works have been replaced by works focusing on land/air/and water. We will return to Botany and flowers as our bean plants flower.

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

- Plant care. Each child is care taking their bean and lettuce plants.

Practical Life

- Lacing - spools and beads on pipe cleaner
- Scooping/sorting ice cream (2 colors of large yarn pom poms) into dishes.
- Squeezing transfer/sorting of 3 sizes of dog bones.

Art

- Leaf rubbings
- Finger painting

Sensorial

- Go fish game with three colors (red, blue, yellow) and 3 shapes (circle, square, triangle)

Language

- Prewriting exercises, tracing lines and shapes
- Handwriting - First letters of our name

Math

- Number rods and numerals- 10 rods of increasing length for sequencing. They are

painted in two colors to facilitate counting and associating the numerals 1-10 to them.

Music

- *Where Do You Start Your Letters* (at the top) song.
- *People are People* song in the peace corner. This song was introduced on Monday and was revisited at Friday's peace circle.

History

- Seasons sort - images of the four seasons
- Seasons puzzle - scenes to construct

Geography

- Land, Air, Water picture sort
- Sorting animal manipulatives into their primary living space: Land, Air, Water
- Book making - animals of land, air, water

Cultural/Peace

- Kindness jar -introduced at our peace circle. Kind acts witnessed will be recorded and shared in the hopes of increasing such behavior.
- Our peace circle activity was choosing and getting to know a potato. We discussed how we treated it after getting to know it/introducing it and how just like people potatoes come in different colors, shapes, each being unique and special.

Calendar updates:

- Oct. 5 - Walk/bike to school day
- Oct. 8 - Early release - 11:30 (no school lunch)
- Oct. 9 - No school - teacher workshop
- Oct. 12 - No school - Columbus Day
- Oct. 19 - Rain date for walk/bike to school
- Oct. 20 - School photo day
- Oct. 30 - Island Common's field trip

Classroom reminders:

Please try to send in a picture of some of your child's special people or pets for the family tree in our peace center.



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Caring for our bean and lettuce plants

*Thank you for sharing your children
Miss Nancy*