

Chebeague Pre-K- Transitional K News – November 20, 2009

Our inside the earth look has sparked an interest in caves, stalagmites and stalactites. The whipped cream on our pumpkin dessert at Thursday's lunch provided a great medium from which to fashion stalagmites.

We worked on writing both 7 and 8 this week. 7 with Miss Sally on Monday and 8 on Thursday:

7 starts at the top

7 is a little line across the top then a slides down with a big line.

8 doesn't like corners.

It starts at the top near the middle.

8 begins with S and then says I want to go home.

Another on going project is our "book" about the 5 elements that create shapes. This is from Drawing with Children by Mona Brookes. The elements are straight line, curved line, angled line, circle and dot. So far we have done pages reflecting variations on the three types of lines.

One of our art projects this week was painting a picture with a horizon. You can follow this up by noting where the horizon is in your environment and in images that you see in magazines or picture books. On Friday we added a Mayflower style ship with collage materials.

Practical Life/Art

- Hammering - golf tees into a pumpkin
- Curved line and angle line page
- Horizon paintings with the Mayflower

Language

- Group rhyming game on Monday at Literacy circle

Sensorial

- Sorting by attributes

Math

- Writing #7, #8 - counting hopping etc.

Geography

- Parts of the Earth 3 part cards
- Inside and Outside the earth book

History

- The Mayflower trip Europe to North America- board game
- Mayflower maneuvers - verbal story telling and circle time activity movements led by school OT, Denise Sullivan

Music/Movement

- "Tap Big Lines"
- Jumping up the scale. Kinesthetic integration - they jumped over cards with numerals 1-8 as I went up 8 scale notes and then back down.

Peace

- "I am thankful for" story, song and sharing things for which we are thankful which included: *our planet earth, toys, sun, crabbies, Daddy's lobster traps*

Calendar updates:

Nov. 24 - Photo retakes

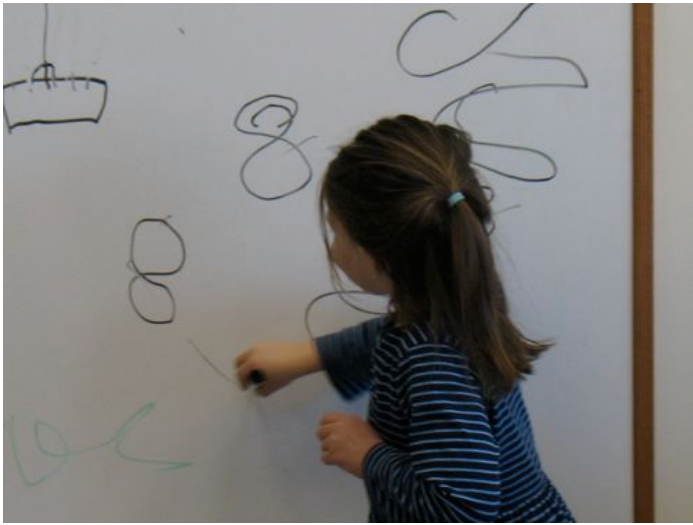
Nov. 26, 27: No school, Thanksgiving vacation

Dec 11: Island Commons field trip

Dec 17: 4:30 - 6:00 Tentative Holiday Concert



Mayflower horizon painting - this one is at night



I can write number 8



What comes next: white, blue, green, red, white, blue, etc. We each had a color group patterning exercise



Sorting by attributes

*Thank you for sharing your children
Miss Nancy*



Hammering golf tees into a pumpkin - hand motor control. Try it, its fun