

Chebeague Pre-K- Transitional K News - September 4, 2009

Welcome to your first newsletter of the 2009-10 school year. At the end of each week I will report on group presentations, current themes, and any special events.

Yellow folders will come home on Friday's and should be returned to school on Monday or the first day back the following week. The folders may include notes from administration or me as well as works your child did and wanted to save and bring home.

Our remodeled space, is working well and the returning students have easily adjusted to the physical changes. It is nice not to have so many other things stored in the classroom making all areas accessible to them.

There are three daily jobs - fish care, line leader, and snack helper. Jobs will be posted on Monday and they will keep that job for the entire week. Soon each child will also have their own plant for which they will be responsible.

These first few weeks the focus is on establishing a positive classroom environment where they all feel comfortable with one another and with the freedoms and limits of the classroom. On Thursday we established two classroom rules: Be nice and be safe.

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

Preliminary skills

- Doing the three things at circle: criss-cross applesauce, listening ears, hands in your lap
- Rolling a work rug
- Grace and Courtesy lessons- how to sneeze into your elbow, Polite interrupting

Sensorial

- Red rods - (visual discrimination- long/short)
- Rough/Smooth tablets - (touch sensitivity awareness)

Language

- Our current author is Lois Ehlert

Practical Life

- Dry pouring - beans

Music

- Our lunch composer for quiet eating is Bach

Geography

- Land, Air, Water Globe

Science

- Thursday we visited our Nature Classroom felt a milkweed leaf in the "feely box", and investigated the soil with a popsicle stick.
- Living/Non Living object sort

Cultural/Peace

- Friday's second circle was our first peace circle. We talked about the moon and read a poem.

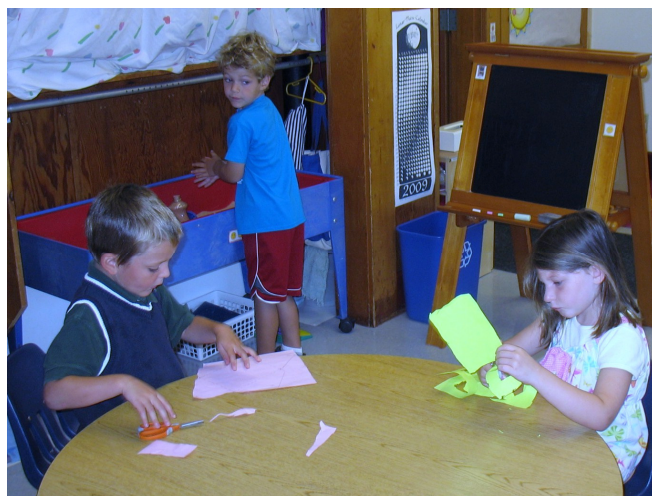
Calendar updates:

Monday, Sept. 7 - No school labor day

Thursday, Sept. 10 - Parent open house 7-8 pm

Classroom reminders:

If you still have any administrative forms please send them back to school in your child's yellow folder on Tuesday.



*Thank you for sharing your children
Miss Nancy*