

Chebeague Pre-K- Transitional K News – February 12, 2010

We are concluding our study of fish and our special event was making a fish print. Thanks to Miss Sally for helping out with this project.

Our nutrition studies were supported with the home lunches this week giving us lots of labels to read and discussion opportunities about what we were eating. It also enabled some lessons on how to appropriately repack edible leftovers and composting or disposal of items that could not be saved.

Practical Life/Art

- Fish printing
- Making heart soaps - Ivory flakes, water and a bit of food coloring, cut with heart shaped play dough/cookie cutters, let dry, then wrap for gift giving
- We peeled then ground peanuts in a food processor to make peanut butter - they were roasted, unsalted and a bit dry and thus deemed "untasty".
- Packing a lunch box - seemed a good time to put this work out!

Language

- Valentine beginning sound boxes

Math

- Sets basket sorting wooden hearts and associating numerals to quantity
- Graphing candy hearts
- Tally marks with penny coin flips

Sensorial

- Rectangle box - making various rectangular shapes from triangles

History

- Lincoln's birthday

Science

- With our real fish we were able to check out the mouth, gills and various fins of the fish and reviewed some of their functions.

- Our nature classroom feely box item was a small heart pillow. They also each received one as a valentine. Have them lie down with the heart on their chest and watch it rise and fall as they take deep breaths. It is a wonderful calming activity.

Music:

- Introduction to Percussion Instruments
- We are listening to Peter and the Wolf during lunch.

Peace

- "Because of You" was our peace circle story. It spoke to what each of them can do to help others and make the world more peaceful. Then we did our valentine share.

Calendar updates:

Feb 15-19: Winter Break - No School



Checking out the butterfish



Paint onto the fish



Pulling off the print



Numerals and Counters - Noting odd and even numbers



The rectangle box



Our valentine gift project - Heart shaped soaps



Pattering work



Sorting valentine's and associating them to appropriate numeral. Sam Birkett made this work for the class two years ago and I appreciate it again every year when Valentine's Day rolls around.

Thank you for sharing your children - Miss Nancy