

Chebeague Pre-K- Transitional K News – May 21, 2010

On Monday Miss Sally supported the children in using watercolors from a tube. I had larger palettes for them with a big mixing area and each child chose three colors for their exploration.

Handwriting letters this week were X, Y, Z and a review of writing 0-9. We will continue to review our uppercase letters, numerals and writing the letters in their name in lower case.

There are fewer new works as we have lots of activities still to do with works on the shelf. I have been trying to fit in some end of year assessments. This is helping me decide what needs additional focus in these last few weeks.

Practical Life/Art

- Twisting - chalk into salt
- Tube watercolors
- Oil Pastels - introduced on Friday

Sensorial

- Sorting small attribute blocks

Language

- We have been working on a safety signs book. It includes: STOP, SLOW, DON'T WALK, and EXIT. We are doing letter and word recognition as well as handwriting with this project.
- Kevin Henkes is still our featured author but when given a choice they are often choosing nature related books.

Math

- Roll the die and circle the number. This is not a new skill, just a variation for variety.
- We continue with daily calendar and counting how many days we have been in school - 127 so far!

Science

- Our nature walks continue with comments around "Who's been here?" We have been using our sense of touch to compare bark textures, and to touch moss.

- We continue to talk about the parts of a flower. On Friday they dissected some faded Iris flowers in search of the ovary.

Music:

- We have been working on keeping a steady beat on a xylophone while singing Days of the Week. Our lunch time story/song has varied but a favorite has been the story "Song and Dance Man".

Peace

- Our peace circle involved listening to your breath and thinking about ways of breathing to let go of anger just like Gandhi did. I also read the book "Each Breath a Smile".

Please have your children at the hall by 5:45 at the latest on Tuesday night for Arts Night. Doors open at 5:30 to view art displays and slides. Concert starts at 6pm.

Calendar updates:

May 25 - 6pm -Arts Night- at the hall

May 28 - Extended day: Library with K-2

May 31 - No School, Memorial Day

June 4 - Island Commons Field Trip

June 15 - Last day of school - release at 11:30



Twisting/Grinding Chalk into Salt - which they then pour into a vase making very cool layered designs



Language -matching words to object



Watercolor with tube paint and larger palate

*Thank you for sharing your children
Miss Nancy*