

Chebeague Pre-K- Transitional K News – June 11, 2010

The residents from the Island Commons joined the CIS students for lunch on Monday. It was nice to host them and Mrs. Summa made an extra special lunch.

This week included work on phone etiquette with a work that included a portable phone and an old push button phone. For some a phone with a cord was new (made me feel old) and so exploration ensued squeezing to take the cord off and unscrewing the handset to look inside. They have a class phone book with their phone numbers so that they can practice calling one another. This has been very popular.

Another favorite new work was the geo board where they have constructed designs and many sided figures.

Thursday's handwriting work was a card with the words MARSUPIAL POUCH. This went along with our study of Australia. They had asked the most about Koala's and so that is the animal I had information on and a template to color, cut and put in their paper pouch. It was Thursday night while reading more about marsupials that I learned that the pouch of Koala's and Wombat's opens at the bottom not at the top like other marsupials. I shared my new knowledge with them on Friday and some opted to reverse their pouches.

Friday was step up day for incoming Pre-K students, our end of year slide show, and the rescheduled beach picnic. We also wrapped our Father's Day gift and made cards. Thanks to all who juggled their schedules to join us for the special events. It was an energetic and busy day!

Practical Life

- Grace and Courtesy - phone etiquette
- New spooning work- little pearl beads in china bowls (they are all so careful☺)

Math

- Money board game - collect the coin that matches where you landed.

Sensorial

- Geo boards

Science

- We continue to study and sing about insects.
- The rain let up enough to enable a nature trail walk on Thursday. Part way along the trail they started looking for the big white pine that it took all three of them to "hug" last week. They tried out a few trees and found them too small. A bit further along they did find it and I wish I had my camera with me to take a picture of them working together to embrace it. Hopefully you will get out on the trail this summer and your child will share this special tree with you.

Music:

- For music circle we marched to various patriotic songs while waving flags
- At lunch we have enjoyed a variety of their requested songs

Peace

- During our peace circle we shared our memories of a favorite work or two from throughout the year. Our story was *Wherever You Are* by Mem Fox.

Calendar updates

June 14 - Gardening (weather permitting)

June 15 - Bee hive visit

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



Phone etiquette



Pin punching a ladybug (punch holes with a stylus, then tear along the perforations)



Geoboard (rubber bands on a 5 x 5 grid of nails)



Marching to patriotic songs



Gross Motor practice through a block construction

*Thank you for sharing your children
Miss Nancy*