Chebeague Pre-K and K News – December 10, 2010

We started out the week learning about St. Nicholas and how our current day St. Nick relates to a Saint from Europe who helped people many years ago. We made paper slippers and hung them on our coat hooks over night. They were very excited to find a treat in their slippers on Tuesday morning.

Another tie-in with Europe was a discussion about Stonehenge. This came from a discussion about the earth’s seasonal tilt and the upcoming winter solstice. One student was especially intrigued and made a replica with play dough.

Your child has a few song sheets in their B.E.A.R. books. These are songs for the upcoming concert. Our music teacher, Sue Spaulding, has been sick so any additional practice will be helpful.

Please be sure your child has appropriate outerwear for recess. Even though we do not (yet) have snow, boots are still a good idea. Don’t forget slippers or shoes for in the classroom and/or sneakers for PE.

Following are some new works that have been rotated in.

Practical Life/Art
- Ribbon curling

Language
- K’s have been introduced to adjectives. At home you can identify creative adjectives
- Pin punching of dreidels, stars, and Christmas trees have replaced fall leaves.
- Sorting of singular and plural nouns (mouse/mice, foot/feet etc)

Math
- Matching images of finger quantities. You can do more of this at home just by holding up fingers and naming how many. If your quantity is over 5, then have one hand equal 5 so that it can be 5 plus (x) equals so many in total.
- Matching time images to half past the hour

Music
- We danced to parts of Tchaikovsky’s Nutcracker Suite

Cultural/Peace
- We read the beautiful book Moses from the library, which is about Harriet Tubman. Then we snuck north down the hall, stopping in a few places to hide from make believe slave hunters. Look for the big dipper (drinking gourd) with your child.
- Follow the drinking gourd song is one of the listening options in our peace corner.

K popcorn word this week: “she “

Calendar updates
December 21: Holiday concert – 5:30pm
December 21: First day of winter - Solstice celebration at second circle
December 21: Whole school gently used or new holiday book exchange – your child drew a name. Let us know if you don’t know!
December 22: Student thank you writing and holiday workshop.
Dec. 23 – Jan. 2: No school, holiday break

Cooperative block building
At work reading one-word books, time matching, and making a collection of 1000 cubes.

Plural and singular noun sorting and matching. The singular form of the noun has a hole punched in the lower right corner of the card. This helps get them started in the sorting process.

Thank you for sharing your children

Miss Nancy