One of our spirit week activities on Monday and Friday was Classroom Olympics. We formed multiage groups and used events from the AIMS Education Foundation. Most all involved measurement. As an added bonus Beverly Johnson came in, shared her Olympic torch and told us about her experiences being a torchbearer at the 1980 Lake Placid Olympics.

Friday also found us visiting with the residents at the Island Commons. Also we are beginning our count down to our 100th day of school by reviewing the handwriting of a numeral each day, 9 down to 0.

Practical Life/Art
- Squeezing and sorting little pom poms
- Mystery bags with a troll hidden in one
- Shamrock symmetry template
- Shamrock stencil

Language
- We read “The Napping House” on pajama day
- Dr. Seuss is our author – we finished “The Lorax” and ABC. The children have been making up some crazy animals and calling them Seuss animals.

Math
- St. Patrick’s board game which uses a dice and has special shamrock spaces where one earns various quantities of gold.

Geography
- Island and Lake with plasticine clay and water. Related that both Chebeague and Ireland are islands.

Science
- The children focused for a long time on their drawings during our nature classroom observations. I read about using black markers instead of crayons and they have really responded to the bold lines and contrast that this provides.

Music:
- Music fell on spirit week’s “International Day” so we used music from Europe. We galloped to Schumann’s “The Wild Horseman” and then hopped around to Camille Saint-Saens’s “Kangaroo” from Carnival of the Animals. On the long notes we paused to look for our lost Joey… The Kangaroo song was also one that we shared with our friends at The Island Commons.

Cultural:
- We have been reading a little bit about Ireland and St. Patrick’s Day

Peace
- We read the book “We Are A Rainbow”

Calendar updates:
- March 29: Our 100th day of school
- April 9: Island Commons Field Trip
- May 25: Arts Night 6pm

Flick the disc “Olympic Game” on Pajama Day. Team members from other grade levels are cheering him on.
St. Patrick’s Day game played on International Day

Playing the feely bag game with at the Commons

Thank you for sharing your children
Miss Nancy

Lake and Island work- adding little boats too