We worked with the Orff instruments - wooden xylophones on Monday after vacation. I have left one out in the classroom to give them additional opportunities to explore sound.

Our handwriting practice continues with the Handwriting Without Tear slates. This week we worked on G, S, J, and D.

They were all very excited about going to the library on Friday. We will go with the K-2 next week at 12:30 and following library the bus drop them off at home/ Kids Place. They do not need to bring their library card with them but they do need to bring their three books back in order to check out more books. Please develop a special place to keep the library books so that they can be easily located for library days.

Practical Life/Art
- Spooning - ice balls transfer
- Squeezing/sorting- round tongs transfer of large beads into ice cube tray

Language
- New Author: Kevin Henkes A book read this week that they really enjoyed is, “Julius the Baby of the World”
- Object to word cards swapped out
- New three part matching - transportation

Math
- New tally mark matching -more challenging as not self correcting
- Greater than, Less than, Equal/Same with beads
- New sets basket - buttons

Science
- Parts of a Flower Puzzle - We have been dissecting flowers looking for stamens and pistils.
- We did our nature observation drawings in the “other” nature classroom that is just a bit down the trail. They are noting a lot of beetles in the soil.

Music:
- Listening to and then playing different rhythm patterns
- Our lunch time listening has been the story “The Jazz Fly”

History
- May Day - we made some paper flowers and danced around the May Pole at recess

Cultural
- Our new continent to explore is Antarctica

Please note that to accommodate field day our Tuesday/Wednesday class days are swapped on May 11 and 12. Long Island students will be coming to CIS around 11:30, having lunch with us and participating in the afternoon field day activities.

Calendar updates:
- May 6 - 11am tide pool exploration and picnic
- May 7 - 11am Island Commons field trip
- May 7 - Extended day trip with K-2 to library
- May 11 - NO SCHOOL
- May 12 - Full day Wed. school day - field day
- May 25 - 6pm -Arts Night- at the hall

Handwriting lesson “G”. Wet, dry, try
Birds have finally started visiting our window feeder. The children initially stood in awe silently for five minutes. That doesn’t happen very often.....

Greater than, Less than, Equal/Same

How much all together? Bank game addition

Easel Painting

This is my favorite button: Sorting and then associating group to the correct number

Windy day for the May Pole

Thank you for sharing your children
Miss Nancy