Our handwriting practice continues with the Handwriting Without Tear slates. This week we worked on F, E, T, and I. On Monday, Miss Sally helped them embroider a circle onto burlap.

On Tuesday we made Oobleck (cornstarch water and food coloring). It provided lots of reflections on the Seuss book *Bartholomew and the Oobleck* and some interesting observations on how its physical properties change.

On Friday we visited The Island Commons where we helped Minnie celebrate her birthday with a big birthday card, movement songs and playing of the card game “challenge”.

We did not have peace circle because of our Island Commons field trip but one of our books this week was *Personal Space Camp*. If your child mentions having their personal space bubble popped they are referencing the story. Ask them about it.

I failed to mention that our classroom mouse died over the weekend of March 20. The children’s choice was to bury it in the nature classroom. They handled it all very well with one child sharing during burial that Ann must have needed a pet...

**Practical Life/Art**
- Lacing - embroidery on burlap
- Sorting of two different size chicks using squeezing tongs
- Twisting - Mortar and Pestle grinding of egg shells
- Making and explorations with Oobleck
- Care of Environment - We did some raking of wood chips during recess on Friday. It was drizzling but since all had raincoats we could still go out.

**Language**
- The Gingerbread Man story and a beginning sounds game board to go with it.
- Matching of images of whole fruit to half a fruit - also learning the names of the fruit

**Science**
- We traced our bodies and using templates added in a brain, heart, lungs, and stomach.
- In the nature classroom we used our sitting mats as our canvas and made a design with objects from nature. One child found a large snail, asked and was granted permission to it back to class for observation and to visit in our snail habitat for a while.

**Geography**
- New Landform - Cape and Bay

**Music:**
- Introduction to "ta-ah" (half note) with a review of "ta" and "ti-ti".

Chicks and Mortar and Pestle

Mammal/Non Mammal sorting with the "grandpa" snail found added into the non-mammal group
Oobleck Exploration—The fun was just beginning. “I can make it into a ball but then it won’t stay that way.”

Bay and Cape Landform construction

The highest number card takes the trick

Thank you for sharing your children
Miss Nancy

Proud children sharing their big birthday card creation with Minnie