Special events this week included pounding flowers with Miss Sally, a tide pool exploration, a visit to the Island Commons and extending our day on Friday to go to the library with our K-2 friends. Thank you for helping them to be responsible in bringing back their books on Friday.

Thursdays rain let up enough to enable us to go tide pooling. We took refuge on the porch for our nature journal efforts and to eat lunch. Thank you to Anne Brown’s family who welcomed us in. The specimens were saved for observation again on Friday before they were returned to the bay. The hermit crabs were very popular.

As usual we sang and danced at the Commons and encouraged the residents to participate. The children helped a resident who had dropped her beanbag and were overall very attentive. We also got in a few rounds of “Challenge” with a deck of cards (sans the Ace and face cards). The children were almost completely independent playing this with the residents. It is very special to observe the relationships that have developed over the year.

Our handwriting practice continues with the Handwriting Without Tear slates. This week we worked on K,P,R and A.

Practical Life/Art
- Pounding flowers for Mother’s Day cards
- Interesting comments came from the children about where the color came from
- Pouring to a line with multiple containers
- Pressing seaweed – we will be checking our efforts on Monday.

Language
- Please give me the ………….. Introduction to “nouns” – person, place, or thing

Math
- New sets basket – all white bottle caps to sort and associate with proper number
- Mystery number box – count how many and write that number

Science
- What do we think we will see/find on our tide pool field trip?
- Do these creatures have backbones?

Music:
- Mexican Hat Dance for Cinco de Mayo

Don’t forget that to accommodate field day our Tuesday/Wednesday class days are swapped on May 11 and 12.

Calendar updates:
- May 11 – NO SCHOOL
- May 12 – Full day Wed. school day - field day
- May 25 – 6pm - Arts Night - at the hall
- May 31 – No School, Memorial Day
- June 4 – Island Commons Field Trip
- June 15 – Last day of school – release at 11:30