Despite the hot temperatures we have had a great start to the 2010-11 school year. Pre-K attends four mornings (M,T,TH,F),and K students attend five full days. We are starting the year with one Pre-K and two K students and we are looking forward to another K student that will be joining us in late September. The K students spend mornings with the Pre-K and afternoons integrated with grades one and two. Schedules are in your child's B.E.A.R. (Bring Everything Always Ready) notebooks. It is my hope to help them learn responsibility and organizational skills with these notebooks as well as to provide an easy vehicle for home/school communication.

This was a short week with school starting on Wednesday but we had some special events. Wednesday afternoon’s physical education class was swimming which helped with the heat. Friday morning in route to school bus riders saw a moose on North Road towards the west end. Later on Friday morning the whole school did a video conference with Long Island School where we made paper stars with one cut, and then Bob Earnest came to help us harvest potatoes from the school garden.

With the presence of K students many more advanced works have remained on the shelves from last year. As in the past Math and Language lessons are individualized. Following are some of the works currently on the shelves to give you an idea of some of the work choices available to your child.

Practical Life
- Pouring – corn seeds
- Scooping – bean seeds
- Spooning – small imitation apples
- Squeezing – tongs for transferring larger imitation apples; and glass beads onto flower appliqué
- Lacing – circles, squares, and triangles

Math
- Sets baskets with bottle caps and another sets work with nuts and bolts. Both works involve sorting, one to one counting and associating the quantity with the correct numeral.
- Golden Beads and Numeral cards- units to thousands to make lots of quantities.

Language
- We started our Handwriting Without Tears program
- Lots of works ranging from what’s missing, rhyming, letter sounds to sight words

Sensorial
- Rough/smooth/rough/roughest boards
- Color matching
- Geometric solids and geometric cabinet works

Science/Geography
- Living/non living sorts with objects and with picture cards
- Animals that live on land/air/water sorting

Music:
- Music circle this week was Copy Kitten, Animal Action and The Freeze.
- Sorting containers sound/no sound

Peace
- For our peace circle we talked about our classroom rules: Polite, Helpful, Safe and Kind; and we read part of the book Our Peaceful Classroom.

Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns

Calendar updates
Sept. 9 – school open house  6:30 -8pm
Sept. 24 – Island Commons field trip Pre-K -2
Sorting sound/no sound

Checking out the monarch caterpillar during garden harvest time

First we built the pink tower grading from biggest to smallest, then we tried balancing them out of order and once constructed decided to document our efforts.

Counting the 10 bars to 100

Easel painting with yellow and red

Sorting Living/Non Living

Thank you for sharing your children
Miss Nancy