

Chebeague Pre-K and K News – March 11, 2011

We have settled back into a routine after all the excitement of 100 day, Valentine's Day, Chinese New Year and winter break.

Friday the 4th the K-5 enjoyed a wonderful presentation at the library by the author and illustrator of Ice Harbor Mittens. When we got back to school we made our own compasses by magnetizing a nail and then floating it in styrofoam on water.

We have switched our continent focus to Africa, and science to dinosaurs and weather. In talking about dinosaurs we talked about how the continents used to all be one land mass and how they rubbed and pushed apart with earthquakes. One of our weather words with the K's was tsunami. It made it slightly easier to revisit the tragedy in Japan and to assure them that such an event would be extremely unlikely in Maine. We did practice hiding under the tables though.

We shared the dance Old Brass Wagon with our friends at the Island Commons, and played Bear, Bear, Who Has the Bear. Our questions to them about any storm memories resulted in some great stories about TV's getting zapped and playing in deep puddles following storms. We will be working their comments into our Storms project that we are doing with support from the Island Institute.

Practical Life/Art

- Twisting - hand beater, making bubbles

Language

- Dr. Seuss is our new author
- The K's are working on the vowel blends: ai, ea, ee, and ou.
- Handwriting for Pre-K is weather related words and for K sentences about weather. We are making weather journals.

Math

- New counting work with dinosaur them
- New sorting/counting work with African animals

- The K's are working with telling time and are beginning addition facts

Science

- Dinosaurs - so far Apatosaurus and Stegosaurus
- Dinosaur puzzle
- Dinosaur three part matching

Cultural

- Africa is our new continent of focus

Music

- In our music circles we have done a partner mirror exercise, and some folk/square dancing to Old Brass Wagon.

Peace

- Our new peace work is a group of nesting boxes that starts with the universe and works down: solar system, earth, North America, United States, Maine, Chebeague Island, Chebeague Island School, to a wooden heart which represents themselves.



K popcorn word: *it*

K spelling: *here, there
snow, wind, hail*

Calendar updates

March 16 - K-5 Field trip to NOAA weather station

March 17 - St. Patrick's Day - catch a leprechaun

March 18 - Come to school dressed as your favorite author or story book character.



Twisting - making bubbles with drops of detergent and water



Universe to Me peace work



Fine motor - pin punching a dinosaur



Green Eggs and Ham for Dr. Seuss birthday - thanks to Mrs. Summa for helping out with this!



Counting work - "dinosaur eggs" and nests



Shopping - fruits and vegetables have prices on them. Correct change is included in work.

*Thank you for sharing your children
Miss Nancy*