

# Chebeague Pre-K and K News – March 25, 2011

I was so excited to realize that Seuss's Bartholomew and the Oobleck was a perfect fit to our learning about weather. If you are unfamiliar with Oobleck, it is goeey green precipitation that some wizards mix up for the King when he was bored with traditional weather. It is a great story with the King finely, and humbly saying "I'm sorry" to help it disappear. We made it together at circle on Thursday after reading it bit by bit earlier in the week. Oobleck is simply corn starch, water and food coloring. As a substance it struggles to stay congealed and thus provides great fun exploring solids and liquids.

Another bit of weather fun was exploring how an anemometer works. The children have been documenting wind speed with the older children as part of their meteorology job but the school's anemometer is on the roof. Our make shift model helped them understand how it works.

At the end of the day on Friday the K-5 students worked cooperatively in groups to build a structure that would withstand 3 different wind speeds. We commandeered Bump into handling the testing.

## Practical Life/Art

- New lacing - spools and beads on a pipe cleaner and bead lacing
- Oobleck mixing and exploration

## Language

- Bartholomew and the Oobleck
- Rhyming works swapped
- Handwriting for Pre-K's: R, A, K
- K handwriting: They continue to work on close range copying of sentences about weather

## Math

- K's are working on telling time to the half hours and number families - ex: 4 is 2/2, 3/1, 4/0, 1/3.
- All continue work with counting beads

## Science

- Anemometers
- Spring equinox

## Peace

- Our peace circle was a guess who from their "Who am I" sheet and a game getting to know a potato and noting how each potato was similar and different.

K spelling: *water, ice, for*

## Calendar updates

April 1 - Island Commons visit - am

April 1 - K-2 Author's tea- Time TBA but probably around 2:40pm



Geoboard exploration



Peace - heart light work (see the glowing heart?)



Goey Oobleck fun



Piggy bank coin work - matching bank to numeral



Fine motor twisting work - making bubbles



Exploring how an anemometer works



A fun way to practice counting and motor skills



"Wind" testing of cooperatively built structures

*Thank you for sharing your children  
Miss Nancy*