

Chebeague Pre-K News – September 14, 2012

It is hard to believe that school has only been in session for two weeks! As a group they have explored so many works and have helped one another learn how to use them. Watching them give a peer a lesson is a great opportunity to assess their learning, not to mention fun to listen in on. They are eager for me to document their work with a photograph and to share it with them. They have enjoyed the share bag and are learning to be good leaders as they call on their classmates for questions.

Our big highlight this week was our visit to the Island Commons and a birthday circle. At the Commons they did a beautiful job of individually introducing themselves to the residents and then all together singing and moving to music.

Thank you parents for helping your children be responsible with their B.E.A.R. books. They enjoy helping me choose the right color stickers for their charts.

We are still working through the initial works but there are a few new ones and extensions on others.

Practical Life/Art - these works help develop hand-eye coordination, fine motor skills, and concentration:

- Easel paint color swapped to yellow. They were each willing to share one painting to decorate our class board. Now that they see their efforts on the wall they want to hang up everything ☺
- Our colored water squeezing has extended into color mixing
- Zipper and snapping frames.
- Glue sticks

Sensorial - using the senses to discriminate:

- Feely bag with unknown object
- Exploring geometric solids and their base shapes

Cultural - science, history, geography:

- A cut, sort and glue sort of living/nonliving was done by all and they are hanging in the classroom

Language:

- We added big and little curves to the shapes we are exploring in handwriting
- Positional words in space - so far we have worked with: front, back, under, side, around, top, bottom, middle, horizontal and vertical
- The sand tray
- Story retelling felt board - Eric Carle - The Very Hungry Caterpillar
- Lots of rhyming - we dismiss our circles with a rhyming song.
- Manipulock - matching shapes and lines to their color inverse

Math:

- Patterns - red, green, yellow "apples"
- Estimating jar - guess how many inside - this week it was 7 green pattern block triangles

Music:

- We sang and danced at the Island Commons: *Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes, My Roots Go Down, Tap Big Lines, and Bop till You Drop.*

Calendar updates

Sept. 20: Field trip to Bennett's Cove to collect specimens for our saltwater tank. BE SURE TO WEAR BOOTS. In the event of rain we will go on Friday, Sept. 21

Oct. 5: Early Release- teacher workshop day. School will be dismissed at 11:30 - no lunch served.



Extensions with the knobbles cylinders -
patterning and fine motor skills, hard at work



The sand try - you can make something like this at
home with salt or sand in a cake pan



The Feely bag in the nature classroom. No
peeking, just sense of touch



Color mixing



Exploring the geometric solids and their base
cards



Greeting our friends at the Island Commons



Manipulock is a visual discrimination matching game. It has various lines and shapes, white on a blue background on the bottom and the cards are the inverse (blue lines on a white background).



Cutting, sorting and pasting work about Living and Non-Living



As part of a child's birthday circle they hold onto planet earth (globe) and walk around the sun (candle) one trip around for each year of their life.

*Thank you for sharing your children!
Miss Nancy*