

Chebeague Pre-K News – May 25, 2012

Our final insect project was exploring symmetry by printing butterflies and a color cut and paste booklet about the life cycle of a butterfly. I knew they understood symmetry when one child pointed out that the pattern outline on the wings of the butterfly booklet was in fact NOT symmetrical.



Putting paint on one side of the wing



Then fold, rub, and wow this is really cool

Monday also found us making a thank you card for Maine Audubon and making step up day invitations for next year's incoming students.

Tuesday we explored different types of packing peanuts: plastic and the biodegradable corn starch ones. When we put the corn starch ones in water they dissolved!



Beautiful butterflies on the window



Learning how wind instruments work. Sequence the bottles according to their sound.

Last week they sorted objects into groups: magnetic/non-magnetic. This week the wand and magnetic marbles were added for exploration



Tiny salamanders and frogs in a sorting and counting work



Fun to sort



A cooperative effort assembling a big life cycle of a frog puzzle



Test how many the wand will hold



Sequencing the life cycle from eggs to frog



"Magically" move a magnetic marble by moving the magnetic wand underneath the plate



Spooning and visual discrimination. Use the spoon to unearth a key from the bowl of split peas. Then find its match on the card. This frequently involves flipping and turning which is great preparation for the tricky letters b, d, and p.



Planting onion sets



Thursday Caroline Summa came in and helped us learn about string instruments. We all got a turn holding a violin and plucking the strings.

Friday morning we hosted next year's incoming Pre-K students. It was very busy hour but successful because the current students were all such a big help. Along with exploring works in the room they helped plant onion sets with Bob, Caitlin and Caroline.



Friday's peace circle was about Memorial Day. It involved a story, sharing thoughts about freedom and marching to some Patriotic Songs (The March of the Wee Americans, Stars and Stripes Forever and The Star Spangled Banner)

Calendar:

May 28: No School, Memorial Day - Memorial Day program at church 1pm - some but not all students are participating

WED afternoon May 30: Picnic lunch with Field Day following with Long Island

May 31: Library visit - children will get their own library card

June 1: Island Commons visit

June 4: Full Moon - The Strawberry moon

June 8: 10:50 - End of Year Slide Show

Peace
Miss Nancy