

Chebeague Pre-K News – October 11, 2013

We had a great visit to the Island Commons on October 3 where we acted out the book *Muncha, Muncha, Muncha* by Candace Fleming. It is a great tale about Mr. McGreely's attempts at a garden and three sneaky bunnies.

Following are images of us at work.



We observed some worms in the garden, collected them with popsicle sticks and brought them inside on a tray. A magnifying glass enabled us to look for segments and observe how they moved. We then made an entry in our journals about worms.



The hanging bead stair provides 1:1 practice in counting. They also get visual reinforcement as they see the bead bars grow in length as they are sequenced. As children learn their numbers they add those above the bead bar.



Sorting picture cards by number of syllables. They count how many times their chin drops.



Visual Discrimination and fine motor skills are practiced with close range copying of bead sequences.



Matching "at" pictures and words then choosing some to record in their own little books. This is great practice in decoding words and handwriting.



Exploring some of the constructive triangle boxes. The triangles can be put together to make more triangles and/or other geometric figures.

lighter, same as, equal, balance. We were comparing the weight of two apples and then trying to equalize their weight with fava beans.



A sets basket of buttons. When items dissimilar in size are used it helps them to see that 3 is still 3 even if it is as long as the group of 4.



Earth maps made with crayons, sand and glue - revisiting that our earth is made up of land, water, and air all around.



We talked about Columbus and colored maps; each child made three ships with sections of egg cartons, play dough, toothpicks and rectangles of foam. They liked having the Santa Maria sink ☺.



Part of learning about measurement is learning about the different tools used to measure things, and all the associated vocabulary: heavier,



At recess we used our telescopes to play explorer and look for land. We talked about how native people were already living in the Bahamas when Columbus arrived and how we would feel if explorers arrived on Chebeague.



Exploring color mixing with play dough. Each child pinched a blob of red, yellow, and blue and placed them with a space in between on their palette. We then divided up the primary colors and did some mixing. They especially loved it when they made purple. They named all the colors and discovered they had all the colors of the rainbow. So, we decided to roll the colored spheres into snakes and all made beautiful rainbows. There may be more of those that come home next week.

Calendar Updates

- Oct. 18: Fire Safety presentation
- Oct. 18: October Full Moon
- Oct. 22: Parent Open House 5:30-7pm
- Nov. 11: No School, Veteran's Day

Thank you for sharing your children!
Miss Nancy