

# Chebeague Pre-K News – April 26, 2013

We shepherded in Earth Day with a sorting/recycling work, Todd Parr's Earth Book and part of Children of the Earth by Schim Schimmel. We had a discussion of where our trash goes and how our planet earth belongs to all of the people, plants, and animals.

On Tuesday, Polly helped them each start making an earth globe with paper mache. On Friday a helper from Mrs. Westra's classroom helped them put on blue tissue paper to represent water. Next week we will add land.



In our handwriting lessons we have worked through all the uppercase letters and numerals 1-10. Looking ahead we will review and working on writing their last names in title-case.



This is a fun handwriting without tears material.

The alphabet is divided into three colors matching animal heads and tails to aid sequencing. N has a picture of a narwhal, thus the look of consternation but what a great opportunity for vocabulary enrichment. Once the pictures are sequenced the cards can be flipped over to read the alphabet.



I was lax with the camera this week but some of the new works this week included smell matching and embroidery. We read the Seuss story Gertrude McFuzz. Gertrude is jealous of Lolla-Lee-Lou but in the end learns that her tail is just right. Ask your child about it.



Learning about big numbers with the 1000 cubes  
We are lucky to have these materials in our classroom for them to explore quantity and numerals hands on.



Teaching a friend steps on the balance beam.

I got a little anxious when I saw two four year olds moving an eight-foot board over their heads as the usual place to set up the balance beam was consumed with another work in progress. I was proud of how well they did finding another place to safely set up the beam without knocking into people or works. I just watched and continued working with another child.



Taking turns, teaching and encouraging

### Calendar updates

**May 2:** Island Commons visit

**May 6 & 7:** Extended day for rehearsal - guessing 1:45ish

**May 7:** Arts Night doors open @ 5:00

**May 9:** Field trip to Chebeague Post Office

**June 7:** Field trip to Winter Hill Farm

**June 17:** Last day of school

*Thank you for sharing your children -  
Miss Nancy*