

Chebeague Pre-K News – January 18, 2013

Snow related activities are all around the classroom and we continue learning about healthy eating, different foods and food groups.

In language activities we have been working on positional words with our HWT big lines and at circle time with pom poms and two clear cups. Our most recent handwriting letters have been the frog jump letters, F,E,D,P,B,R, M,N. Each of these letters start with a big line down and then jump back up to the smiley face. We continue reading stories by Lois Ehlert with Snowballs being one of their favorites. The book inspired some big collages that currently are in progress. They also loved the story Snowmen At Night by Caroline and Mark Bruehner. Polly came in and helped each child make their own snow person which we will use for some story telling next week.

In our cultural works they have learned about Rosa Parks and the bus boycott and last Friday had an introduction to Martin Luther King, Jr. I was very proud of one student who recognized MLK as the one who helped out Rosa Parks.

Calendar updates

- Jan. 21:** No school MLK holiday
- Feb. 1:** Early Release 11:30
- Feb. 2:** Island Commons visit



Making patterns - an on going activity - the materials just keep changing.



Visual Discrimination and motor planning



Fine motor activities - Pouring with a funnel and weaving felt strips on a cookie cooling rack



Fine motor and sorting - spooning wooden and glass spheres into snowman bowls



Care of Self - sorting play food into food groups



The pattern on our January calendar is cube, cone, cylinder, sphere, which has inspired more exploration with the geometric solids



Sorting foods onto the food pyramid. Spin the spinner then choose a food in that food group or if you land on exercise do some exercise.



Squeezing practice with tongs



Twisting and learning about food and food groups - walnut nut cracking



Squeezing and learning about food and food groups - opening roasted peanut shells



Squeezing and sorting - sparkly pom poms transfer with small tongs



CIS has snowshoes that are used for PE and we borrowed a few pairs



Making letters with play dough is great for fine motor and learning about letters



Measuring and graphing how many snowballs tall



Snow people created with rice, polyester batting, socks, buttons, felt, pompoms and fabric marker



We continue with letter sound sorts with objects and pictures

*Thank you for sharing your children!
Miss Nancy*