

Chebeague Pre-K News – October 25, 2013

We had two special events over the last two weeks: pulling the trap at Chandlers with Beverly, and a visit by Ginny and Joe Ballard to teach us more about fire safety.



The trap had lots of feisty green crabs, some native red crabs, and a few lobsters. In preparation we had looked closely at a green crab from the touch tank but being out on the float, and working to pick up the crabs while bobbing up and down on the float (it was windy) was great experience. Thank you Beverly and Grammy Helen for leading us and lending a helping hand.

Prior to the visit from fire personnel we had fire themed works in the classroom.



Matching numerals to the correct fire related images



Clip the clothespin on the correct number from three choices on the bottom of the card



Graphing: The die is covered with fire related images. Roll the die and graph the results



There was turn out gear to try on



On the day of the visit they learned that fire personnel are helping people. Together we practiced stop, drop, and roll; stay low and go; and to always check a door for heat before exiting.



They had lots of good questions about the things they saw behind the doors on Engine 4.

Only slightly less exciting has been our exploration of seeds over the last two weeks.



Milkweed pods are great for exploring how seeds travel



We harvested bean plants, removed the pods and set up a work to open the pods and sort the seeds



The pods all looked the same on the outside but the bean plants varied. Which beans were inside was a surprise (black, tiger or cattle). Fun



We talked about how a plants main purpose is to produce seeds. This large sunflower head and tweezers enabled them to pretend to be a bird while getting in a lot of fine motor practice.



In between there was time to make some the numbers 1 to 9000



Visual Discrimination and fine motor practice matching bead patterns. A phone was added last week to enable practicing calling 911. Another friend is weaving felt strips on a cooking rack. Weaving is great for fine motor and patterning (over/under, etc)



A few Halloween related works are beginning to appear. Matching numbers written on clothespins to the correct group of ghosts.



We had a birthday circle celebration. At the conclusion the birthday child makes a wish and blows out the candle (which represents the sun)

We continue to do our letter lessons and lots of rhyming. Our new author is Lois Ehlert. In her book Boo To You she uses seeds in her collages. We will do some collages next week.

On Thursday we talked about the United Nations and at Friday's peace circle read a book titled Communities. It is a tricky word, worth further discussion if you can help make it happen.

Calendar Updates

- Nov. 11: No School, Veteran's Day
- Dec. 17: Winter concert

*Thank you for sharing your children!
Miss Nancy*