

Chebeague Pre-K News – Feb 1, 2013

A short week with the storm day but non-the-less busy. We had beach day, pajama day, and famous person day. The storm cancelled opposite day but hopefully it will be rescheduled.

We are still working on reptiles and shadows punctuated with lots of other happenings in the classroom. We are reading different versions of the book Stone Soup and talking about how the stories are the same or different, and about the magic ingredient in the story (which is sharing). We will be making soup next week with food the children bring in and whatever Mrs. Summa adds to make it extra tasty.

Friday we did a lot of Ground Hog activities, including graphing predictions. We will review the data collected on Monday.

It has been really fun for me to download the photos that the children have taken in the classroom. There are a fair share of ceiling, nose, and shoe photos but also lots of up close pictures of works in the classroom and pictures of their friends. You can deduce which of the following are student or teacher shots.

Looking ahead we have Chinese New Year, Valentine's Day and Presidents Day. We will be making their Valentine bags and cards in class so you do not have to purchase any. They will be adding the creative touches at home.

Calendar updates

Feb. 7: Island Commons visit

Feb 14: Valentine's Day

Feb 18-22: Winter Break, No School

Feb 25: Full Moon - The Snow Moon



Fine motor & Language: The metal insets



Here is a picture of the bulletin board with their Lois Ehlert Snowballs inspired collages



Care of Environment - Cleaning up after easel painting



Language - puppet play



Gross Motor - Balance Beam



Art - Easel painting is explored almost daily



On pajama day the children were invited to bring along a "buddy".



Fine Motor & Matching- Twisting nuts and bolts



Fine motor & visual discrimination: Squeezing toggle bolts. There are three bags of different sizes each with a gift box inside. They hide a little snowman in one of the boxes and then "wrap" them up in the bag and squeeze the toggle bolt to close it.



Our shadow play now includes a sheet suspended from the ceiling. They are gradually figuring out what happens when you move your puppet away from the sheet.

*Thank you for sharing your children!
Miss Nancy*