

# Chebeague Pre-K News – March 29, 2013

We had a really fun week learning about mapping. Polly came in on Tuesday and helped them play hide the penny with a 3-D map/model of the classroom. Each child also made a cardboard birds-eye view of a room in their house to play the game at home.

On Friday I shared a Google Map of the school and schoolyard and asked them what they thought it was. Some initially said "our homes" but then figured out that it was school. (A few weeks ago we had done a Google earth trip from Planet Earth, North America, USA, ME, Chebeague Island, CIS, and to each of their homes). The children identified the school, the flagpole, the swings, and the greenhouse (I had added a few details to help out). There were assorted colored stars on the map and I shared the first plastic egg with them with the clue "go to ★. They did a beautiful job taking turns!



At the flagpole ★, looking for the next clue.



Where does this clue say we should go?

The clues took them around the playground and through the trail to the "talking tree" where there was an egg for each of them. We took time to read a story about Easter before returning to the classroom to put their blown out eggs into their origami box/baskets that they had made. Each child had emptied out two eggs on Thursday and first thing on Friday they decorated one for home and one for our friends at the Island Commons. My whoops on not getting a photo.



They finished up their feet sentences and hung them up. Just for fun we added their real feet.



Fine motor twisting work: opening and closing plastic eggs while discovering in which egg hid a little chick.



Fine motor squeezing practice and sorting big chicks and little chicks



Fine motor squeezing and sorting.



Visual discrimination: matching egg designs. This can also be played as Memory with a friend. Note her "heartlight" (yellow circle) which is part of our peace unit on self. When we do nice things for others and when others are nice to us it makes our heart lights shine. They sometimes take theirs off and stick it on a friend 😊 Then my heartlight shines 😊



We continue with beginning letter sound sorts



Scissors, glue, tape and shapes remain popular explorations



Book making has been added to the numerals and counters works: an introductory work about odd and even numbers. They love using the stamper but they have to first do the layout.....

#### Calendar updates

**April 1:** Our 100th day of school

**April 4:** Island Commons visit

**April 8-12:** Parent Teacher conferences

*Thank you for sharing your children  
Miss Nancy*