

Chebeague Pre-K News – January 24, 2014

Snow themed works, Jan Brett stories, and Martin Luther King, Jr. activities have kept us busy during these last three weeks.



We have been learning about radial symmetry by cutting snowflakes...



and painting at the easel.

We talked a bit about solids and liquids when we made crystal snowflakes (borax on pipe cleaners).



making snowflakes by printing with found objects,
(A big thank you to Linda White for her help)



arranging pattern blocks,



They "shoveled and plowed" after making more snowflakes.



Matching "ice" manipulatives to the corresponding numeral. Then they noted which were even vs odd. (Each has a friend or one is left out)



Exploring the properties of magnets



Some of the super cold days had us indoors for recess so we added some gross motor play.



We shared a favorite song and instruments with our friends at the Island Commons. (Jon Rich photos)



They do a great job of keeping the ball on the black mat. They can toss, roll, or bounce pass.



On Friday, Jan 17 we dressed up as a favorite author or character from a book day AND we celebrated Mitten and Cozy cocoa day with our K-2 friends. It was quite the day! We started out by playing a game to find our mitten match.



They found their match by sharing attributes about one another's mittens. They did not know what was on their own forehead.

Students then visited three stations where they did 1. mitten math 2. wrote and illustrated a story with the prompt: A _____ crawled into the mitten because _____. and 3. Played mitten card games while taking turns to punch holes and lace their mitten.



One mitten math group activity was to estimate and then test how many counting bears would fit in the mitten with the animals. This was a take off from The Mitten by Jan Brett.



Another mitten math task was to measure the balance beam. Members of the group had different sized mittens so they came up with different answers and needed to figure out why their results varied.



After enjoying special mitten shaped cookies and cocoa we came together and shared our stories. Their stories now decorate one of the hallway bulletin boards.

Calendar Updates

Jan 31-Feb 14: Chinese New Year
Jan 31: Progress reports come home
Feb 6: Island Commons visit
Feb 10: CIS Chinese New Year lunch
Feb 14: Full Moon - Snow Moon
Feb 15-21: Winter Break

*Thank you for sharing your children!
Miss Nancy*