

Chebeague Pre-K News- December 2014

Following are images of the PreK students at work during the month of December.



Visual discrimination: matching leaf silhouettes to leaf outlines.



Numeration: Learning about teen numbers: use a 10 bead bar and then add 1-9 bead bar.



Fine motor practice: twisting - cracking walnuts



Exploring 3 & 4 letter phonetic words with self correcting puzzles



*Grace & Courtesy: How to give and receive a gift.
Fine motor practice: wrapping the wooden block with fabric that had the block outline stitched onto the fabric to facilitate folding.*



Literacy: Seasonal letter "hunt and cover" with matching colored discs.



Visual Discrimination: Matching tree cards that have subtle differences in the ornament decorations. The sand tray provides opportunities for creating designs or writing letters or numbers. This design was named a butterfly.



Excitement in approaching a new puzzle challenge.



Comparing the weights of various packages and proud to have finally achieved balance.



Demonstration of teamwork and perseverance.



Our geography studies have shifted to learning about what is inside the earth. Making a book with a page colored for each letter takes lots of concentration!



In preparation for December 12th's Hour of Code we did some unplugged exploration of the Light-Bot app. They were programming each other to move from the green dot to the blue dot. The mats were obstacles. Hour of Code is a global event exposing students to computer science.



Moving our unplugged Light-Bot. For our actual participation in the Hour of Code the children explored the online Light-Bot activity.



Each child cracked an egg. We added sugar and flour and then turned it over to Mrs. Summa.



St. Lucia Day! One child moved their St. Lucia dolls so that they were holding hands.



We shared the story of St. Lucia and our baked treats with our friends at the Island Commons.



We made banana muffins for our St. Lucia "buns".



Sliced bananas, then mashed them up.



We celebrated St. Lucia Day again on the actual day (December 13th) parading in song and sharing treats with CIS staff. The students got their muffin treat at snack time.



The school holiday concert was a very special experience.



A child's initiative to add a guiding star to the crèche nativity to better emulate the story.



Lacing practice in preparation for the gift ornaments they made with help from Miss Linda.



Each chose ribbon/yarn colors for lacing. After lacing they wrote their name and the year on ribbon. With adult guidance they used a sewing machine to stitch on the backing circle. The next step as shown here was to stuff the ornament before stitching up the hole. They enjoyed creating something for their parents and observing how a sewing machine works.

*Thank you for sharing your children and best wishes for 2015!
Miss Nancy*



Birthday circle! Around the sun for each year.



Dancing around the "sun" to Here Comes the Sun as part of our solstice celebration.