We interviewed the Kindergarten through second grade class and asked them questions about what they do on a regular day. In the beginning of the day, the kids come in and place their folders on their teacher’s table. Their teacher is Mrs. Hoidal. Then they go to their desk and there is a sheet of morning work to do. We had many votes whether math was easy or hard for them. Most kids thought math was pretty easy, but we got few votes that math was hard. Most of the K-2 Class said they like writing, but they also liked drawing and reading. They do a lot of things during free time such as, iPad, Legos, drawing and games.
The Little Pre-K Class
by Haley and Riley

On Chebeague Island we have news from the little Pre-K classroom. There are three students and they are all girls. The teacher is Miss Nancy. They do a lot of cool stuff. They mix colors and they take 2 at a time and mix their colors and maybe they get PURPLE! When they get tired, the teacher reads them a story. Sometimes some of the kids in my class would come in their class and read to them. They also learn about instruments. They have a bucket of instruments so they can try them out. They also learn how to sew and fold socks. In the Pre-K class they celebrate holidays, like Saint Nicholas Day and Hanukkah. Their class just received Mini Bee Bots, which are robots that look like bees. They will start learning how to use them soon.

3-5 Class News
by Henry and Logan

In our class there are many staff that help out, but what’s a school with no Kids? Here’s an interview with Logan Beaupre! “This class is very full of new friends and the teachers are very nice too!” Logan said.

Winter Break Hopes! Here are some:

Joquin.B hopes to spend time with his family.
Raven.T wants to have a great Christmas with his family.
Jack.H wants to have a good Christmas and a happy New Year.
Zack.R can’t wait for the family breakfast on Christmas.
Cooper I. Can’t wait to go to Puerto Rico.

Fun facts about the class:

Logan’s favorite color pencil black.
Cooper’s favorite food is Mom’s Salmon.
Henry’s favorite movie is The Hobbit, The Unexpected Journey.

What is your favorite thing about the Holidays?
Cooper likes waking up and opening his presents.
Henry likes not having school for two weeks.

The teacher’s scoop:

Mrs Westra went to the University of Vermont, where she majored in psychology and minored in German. Her favorite thing to cook is soup and chowder.
When she was a kid she wanted to be a private detective.

Ms. Wahlstrom went to the University of Maine in Orono. Ms. W’s favorite song is “Let It Go” and her favorite food is lobster and Mexican. Her favorite color is a sage green and her favorite sport is hockey.

Ms. Trower
She went to three colleges and got a teaching degree. She majored in art and English. She taught art at a school for the deaf and in public and private schools. Her favorite thing to cook is desserts.

Cartoon by Joquin
In the Spotlight - Mrs. Laura Summa  
by Cooper and Wyatt

Mrs. Summa is our school’s cook and custodian and is a big part of the Chebeague Island School. 60 years ago her dad moved to America from Portugal. She was born in Cambridge, Massachusetts and grew up in the Boston suburbs. She still has many relatives there. When Laura was still small, she wanted to be a mommy and a counselor. She was interested in counseling because she was interested in different behaviors and enjoys hearing peoples’ stories. When little Laura turned into big Laura, she went to the Connecticut College and majored in Art History. She has a husband named Geoff, a college-aged daughter named Caroline and a son named John. Mrs. Summa’s favorite thing to do is listen to music. Her favorite type is folk. Her favorite book is Grapes of Wrath by John Steinbeck. Her favorite board game is Quirkle.

The meal she enjoys making the most for our lunch is roasted chicken, tossed salad and curly potato fries. Her secret for her delightful pizza, is a mix of Romano and Mozzarella cheese. She rolls the dough thin and uses spaghetti sauce instead of pizza sauce. She cooks the pizza in the school’s outdoor pizza oven. Making pizza is a lot of work. Luckily she has some helpers on Fridays!

Her favorite place she has ever lived is Chebeague because she likes the island people.

News from the Kitchen on Pizza Friday  
by Kyla and Gemma

Two “Pizza Friday” Kitchen Volunteers

Laurie Hegarty

She started cooking when she was 12 years old. Her first food that she made was hamburgers. She has been volunteering at CIS for 1 1/2 years. She has learned how to cook from cookbooks, cooking shows and working at restaurants. Laurie likes to teach kids about cooking and she likes to use vegetables and fruits that are in season. Math is very important in cooking. Laurie thinks that cooking is one of the joys in life. Fridays are called “Fun Fridays” because we have pizza and sometimes marble parties.

Laurie’s Green Smoothie Recipe:

1/2 cup baby spinach.
1/2 cup kale.
1/2 cup slivered almonds.
1/2 cup frozen mango.
1 date.
1/2 banana.
1/2 cup apple cider.
1/2 cup almond milk.
3 ice cubes
Blend in Vita Mix blender and enjoy!

Meredith Beaupre

Meredith helps out with pizza on Fridays. she especially likes making Italian foods and using fresh vegetables. She has been cooking since she was 5 years old and the first thing she made was muffins. She has cooked at restaurants, schools, the Island Commons and in her kitchen. Some of the mistakes people make in cooking are burning the food and not following the recipe. Baking is like science, timing is very important. Cleanliness is very important, so people don’t get sick. She loves helping out at the Chebeague Island School. Her two sons go to school at the Chebeague Island School.

News from the Island - Community Christmas Party
by Conrad

Around seventy people attended the holiday party this month on December 12th. They officially lit the Christmas tree. While people waited for Santa, there was caroling and many people were freezing. It was a cold day. Santa was there and had a gift for all the kids on the island. Santa arrived in style, on a fire truck. Each present was a book and some of the books were Stick Dog, Lemony Snicket and Lord of the Rings. Some of the teens and pre-teens were Santa’s elves. At the holiday party, there were cookies and hot chocolate. A lot of people reported they liked the cookies and hot chocolate and everyone had a good time! Joquin reported that his favorite cookie was Caroline Loder’s very doughy and nutty cookie. Beverly Johnson’s favorites were the chocolate covered marshmallows for the hot chocolate.
Jack’s Teacher Word Search

| L U H T U K J W A S O I V K U | WESTRA |
| A Q R F S X H I E J U S O F F | DOUGLAS |
| H P S S W F W C A Q X M M U N | WALSTRUM |
| O Z O B S W I K R T J U M X R | SUMMA |
| I A O R K T Z A N P R G O A I | HOIDAL |
| D E C I X J X R E T A O U X E | BUMP |
| A D S C Y F R D S T Z G K F I | EARNEST |
| L O L V A W I L T M O Q G K | RASCO |
| F U E W H L A E K D U C N A C | SPALDING |
| Y G Q M Y W D Y J J S I K L A | WICKARD |
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