

Chebeague Pre-K News- January 2015

Early January had us wishing for snow, and well you all know the rest of the story.



The Pre-K class was the recipient of two Bee-Bot's from the Perloff Foundation. The children worked on learning how to code the Bee-Bot to move to a picture whilst avoiding the red squares.

back to their loaner (thanks Carol White) we did one last share of "Rockin Robin" with the K-2 class for our friends at the Island Commons.



Sensorial material exploration: Lots of material came off the shelves and were seriated in interesting ways.



Care of Self: Packing a suitcase. Their favorite items to pack were the lovey sheep puppet, dopp kit and the underwear. Nice folding!



Simple machines: We explored levers by making catapults, launching sponge cubes, and prying nails.



Before our Common Tern turtlenecks migrated





Simple machines: Beginning exploration of ramps,



and pulleys.



Making a musical alphabet snake (A-G). They all love making glissando's on the xylophone.



As part of our cultural studies we learned about Rosa Parks, Martin Luther King, Jr. and the bus boycott. They worked with the K students to mix paint from the primary colors, walk with "other colors" and then help one another in the washing of feet. Thanks to Sidra for her help with this.



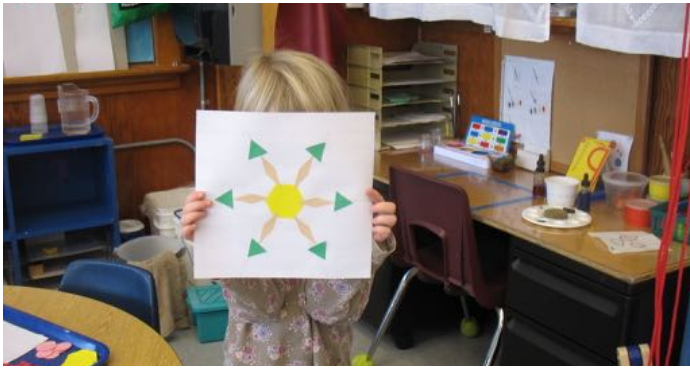
Our Stone Soup making was spread over snow days. We read various versions of the story, sorted some of the ingredients shared (fruit vs. vegetable), and cut some carrots, celery and onions. Here we are delivering some barley, the stone and more onions to Mrs. Summa.



Stone Soup retelling, "bring what you've got".



Radial symmetry studies inspired by snowflakes: We viewed some Bentley snowflake images and noted that they were all unique. They then went about making their own designs, first with the wooden pattern blocks, then with paper cut outs.



We are learning that a good toss is one that your friend can catch. Here they are doing rainbow tosses using a trash ball (taped up newspaper). They have the choice of two other balls as well. The tossing area is the black entrance mat for obvious reasons.



Forest Friday fun at the "talking tree". We have found tracks of deer, hares, and humans.



Last Friday we tried out snowshoes, which was hard work but lots of fun. There were many trees with "snow plops" to share.

Calendar Updates

- Feb 3: Full Moon - The Snow Moon
- Feb 12: Island Commons visit with K-2
- Feb 13: Valentine rotation with K-2
- Feb 16-20: Winter Break - No School
- Feb 19: Chinese New Year begins to March 3
- March 2: Dr. Seuss Birthday

Note - as you shovel yourselves out of yet another snowstorm remember that we are now halfway between the winter solstice and spring equinox.

*Thank you for sharing your children
Miss Nancy*