

# Chebeague Pre-K News- November/December 2015

We are more than half way to 100 days of school. Following are pictures sharing some of their choices from the second half of November and the month of December.



*They finished up their paper mache planet Earth globes: water, land and air all around. One student even did the seven continents!*



*Pumpkins provided some great opportunities for fine motor skills: Hammering and hammering with added elastics. Thanks to Annette and Ann for donating pumpkins.*



*Their favorite part of this fall themed graphing game was mastering the spinner "flick".*

We spent a week learning as much as we could about bees and bee behavior prior to joining our K-2 friends in a Buzzing Bee Bonanza. They each sculpted a bee (loved the proboscis and stinger) and explored a variety of works.



*Fine motor squeezing transfer from flower to hive of "pollen" (above) and "nectar" (below)*







*A big thank you to Bob Earnest and Anna Martin for helping to make our Buzzing Bee Bonanza Day so much fun. Our stations were Bee-Bot robots, Hive hats and Bee web of life bracelets.*



*They are getting more comfortable rhyming as well as sorting beginning sounds.*



*We have been learning about holidays around the world: Thanksgiving, St. Nicholas Day, and St. Lucia Day. For St. Lucia Day we baked muffins and shared them with our friends at the Island Commons. We did it again the next day at school!*



*Hanukkah came next. After reading a story, each day we "lit" another candle on the menorah. They have also enjoyed finding the numbers on an advent calendar and discovering the hidden image.*



*They love sharing time with older students - a math work with Ms. Westra's teacher helper, and trail time with friends from Mrs. Hoidal's class.*







*Gift wrapping- fine motor practice. The fabric is stitched to help them align the block. The smaller hand held tape is more challenging than our tape dispenser but they were ready to give it lots of practice. We also practiced how to be courteous in giving and receiving gifts with random items in little pouches. So important this time of year...*



*We celebrated the Winter Solstice with a little chat about what makes the seasons, a thank you to the sun which gives us food to eat, and a celebration dance around the "sun" to the Beatles, "Here Comes the Sun".*



*Baric exercise. Find the matching weighted container. More fun when the containers are wrapped!*



*Our nativity blocks had variations and extensions when they were relocated into the block area.*



*Part of the special presentation from Maine Audubon's "Seabird Sue" was to experience the adaptation of a layer of fat under a Puffin's feathers. Students put their hands into baggies of ice water. One baggie had a layer of blubber (Crisco) and one did not! Brrrrr!*



### **Calendar Updates**

- Dec. 21: Winter Solstice
- Dec. 23 - Jan 3: Holiday break
- Dec. 25: Merry Christmas to all
- Dec. 25: Full Moon - "Long Night Moon"

*Thank you for sharing your children  
Miss Nancy*