

# Chebeague Pre-K News- Late Spring 2016

Look at what we have been up to in April / May



*Miss Linda continues to be a special volunteer in our classroom on Fridays. We have made paper, made felt ball necklaces, explored weaving with strips of wool, and painted with oil and water.*



*We celebrated our 100<sup>th</sup> day of school with lots of counting activities and comparing the weight of various quantities of 100.*



*The culmination of our sheep unit included learning more about sheep by dressing up as one and a visit to Second Wind Farm.*



*Concentration & Independence - line onto cleat*



*Concentration and sense of order - language sorts*



*Fine motor - button lacing with felt flowers*



*Wegits provide spatial reasoning challenges - concentration & independence.*



*Math - part to whole addition with dominoes*



*We have been doing a bit of mapping starting with our relationship to the universe. Nesting boxes: Universe, Solar System, Earth, North America, United States, Maine, Chebeague, School with a heart inside representing their special selves. They can also make a book representing the same.*



*Matching - upper to lower case letters and shapes*



*We then turned to playing games learning birds eye view by hiding a penny represented with models of our classroom and models they made of a room at home. This gives them practice with orientation and directionality. Finally Google earth images enabled us to zoom in from outer space and see special places on the island and a map of our schoolyard for a "treasure hunt".*



*We finally found time to make Oobleck and share it with some of our K friends. Very gooey*



Spring brings opportunities to learn about plants that provide food. We planted onions, picked asparagus and harvested a few beans from our classroom bean plants that we grew from seed.



*Concentration, coordination, order - honing our pincer grasp transferring beads with small tongs.*



*As part of our mammal studies - matching animal manipulatives and cards sorting mammal, not a mammal.*



So fun to find more seeds inside



Great excitement demonstrated after completion of a big work matching graded colors.



Roll and cover with pattern blocks extension vs. copying designs or creating their own. Number recognition, visual discrimination with shapes. Fine motor rolling die and manipulating blocks.



Fine motor practice scooping pom-poms with a slotted spoon. Works with water are popular.



When K students join our class we stretch our math skills. Constructing numbers with cards and golden beads.



Constructing phonemic words. We work with word groups. It is exciting when they discover the similar pattern between the words.



Our classroom fish from the last 10 years passed. We had a little ceremony and said goodbye. The group that originally cared for this fish are now in high school. It had a wonderful life.



Exploring non-standard units of measurement.  
Measuring with our hands



Knowing we did not have enough time or the correct environment for the newly hatched tadpoles to survive we visited their source and released them. We kept just a few of the older tadpoles in hopes of watching them change into froglets. We are working on our thank you notes for Chip & Jen.



Our new science unit is amphibians. We had one jar with eggs and one with hatched tadpoles.



On our dental awareness day we had a visit from a local dentist. Works in the classroom extended their knowledge about sugar bugs, flossing, what is inside a tooth and some fun explorations.



They are learning patience as they are very eager for them to be become frogs. We are feeding the tadpoles cooked lettuce. They are excited to retty cool to watch the little tadpoles nibbling on the greens.

### Calendar Updates

- May 30: No School - Memorial Day
- June 3: Potato Palooza PreK-5
- June 9: Island Commons visit
- June 14: CIS Step Up Day
- June 17: Early Release - last day

*Thank you for sharing your children  
Miss Nancy*