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 100th 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 and sense of order - language sorts
Fine motor – button lacing with felt flowers

Math - part to whole addition with dominoes

Wegits provide spatial reasoning challenges – concentration & independence.

Matching – upper to lower case letters and shapes

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.

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”.

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

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

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.

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.

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

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.

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

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

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

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.

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.

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