



Truro Central School's

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BRING WHAT YOU'VE GOT...

Put it in the pot. We're making **STONE SOUP!**

Or at least, Preschool did!

Preschool students read, acted out, cooked, and ate Stone Soup! They enjoyed harvesting herbs and greens that they grew themselves in their playground garden to add to the soup. This culmination of the Preschool Program's Fall Harvest theme is an integrated experience of literacy. Children have the opportunity to make connections between a story and their own experiences, act out characters and events from a story read aloud, and retell a sequence of events from a story. All of these skills are part of the MA State Curriculum Frameworks.



WET FEST!

AmeriCorps Cape Cod joined us in December for Wet Fest, a interactive learning experience where students get to learn about Cape Cod's aquifer and how to protect it. Activities included creating an edible aquifer model, crawling through a model septic system to learn how it works, experimenting with water's surface tension, and a herring run survival game. Thank you to the Truro Educational Enrichment Alliance for sponsoring this fun event!



READING IS FOR THE DOGS

Tail Waggin' Tutors have come to Truro Central School! Seven trained therapy dogs are visiting twice per month. The canines are all certified by Therapy Dogs International. The dogs and their handlers visit each grade in rotation in the annex building once students attain classroom goals. Children read to the calm dogs, improving their reading fluency. Maureen Keleher, a Truro teacher, is coordinating the new program and is assisted by fourth graders Cole Jansen and Isaiah Edwards.



EXPLORING AND RESPECTING DIFFERENCES

On Friday, December 14th, Nauset Regional High School students from its Honors EARD Class (Exploring and Respecting Differences) came to Truro Central School to teach about empathy. Having developed their own curriculum, these Nauset Students (including two TCS Alumni) lead several activities to help TCS kids understand stereotypes, and other people's perspectives. Students also had opportunities to share about themselves and let their peers know what valuable members of the school community they are. In closing, students discussed ways they can make the world a kinder, happier place.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU

Speaking of kindness, thank you to the Vinegrass Organization for donating 10 brand new Ukuleles to Truro Central School's Music Program! It was a kind and generous gift and we look forward to making music with them for years to come!

