

Pre-K Enrichment Study

The Pre-K Enrichment class learned all about the Lenne-Lenape Native Americans. They were introduced to the types of homes, clothing, food, and transportation that the Lenapes used many years ago. In class the students made long houses, named and painted canoes, grinded corn, played with Lenape figures, and made a mask of Mesingw.



Students made long houses out of tissue paper and pipe cleaners to replicate the Lenape homes that they made out of bark.



Students named and painted canoes just like the Lenapes did in order to tell them apart.



Playing with Lenape figures helped the students have a better understanding of what Lenapes looked like and the way they lived.



Did you know that the Lenapes had to grind their own corn? Students had the chance to grind corn in class.



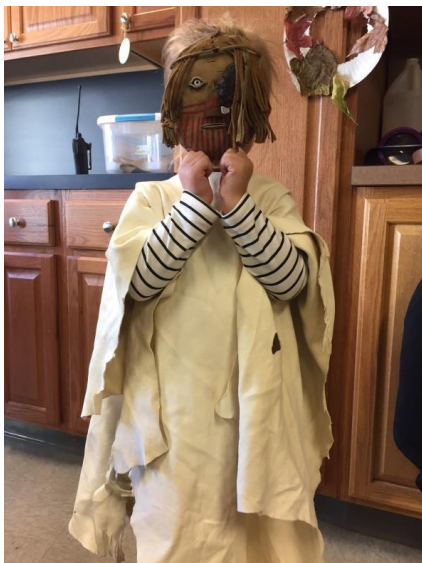
Here is a mask of Mesingw. Who is Mesingw you might ask? Mesingw is a spirit that chased children out of the village if they misbehaved. It is a good thing we were all on our best behavior!

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The Pre-K Enrichment class went on a field trip to the Essex County Environmental Center where they explored a Lenape Homestead. This was a wonderful way for the children to make connections and get a meaningful perspective on what they learned.



Here is a replica of a Lenape long house. The children were able to go inside and take a close look at what their houses were like.



While at the Lenape Homestead, children had the chance to throw an “arrow” like the Lenapes, see how the Lenapes made fire to cook their food, wear a mask and traditional clothing, and see the different tools and necessities the Lenapes would make in order to survive.

