

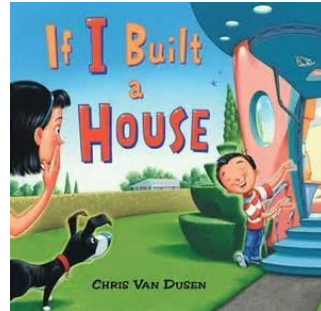


Knowledge Quest

A career fair was hosted this year as an opportunity for students to explore ideas beyond careers to which they are exposed on Vinalhaven. Professionals from a wide range of fields were invited to come and speak to the students in a panel. The students then broke into smaller groups to do more in depth workshops with our professionals. This fair served as the annual kick off for the Knowledge Quest program, where this year the theme was Career Exploration.

If I Built a House

was the book provided this year to all 3rd and 4th graders through PIE's and Island Readers & Writers collaboration. Chris Van Dusen's "Jack" is back and ready to build the house of his dreams, complete with racetrack, flying room, and a gigantic slide. Another great book for our students!



Northern Stars Planetarium

John Meader, the professional planetarium educator at Northern Stars, introduced our students to many fascinating aspects of astronomy and space using the Northern Stars Planetarium. Northern Stars Planetarium is an inflatable star theater that utilizes a star projector, slides, video, special effects, and a sound system.

Dance Class with Jessie Grant

Jessie did a week-long dance residency in April for all students grades K-12. These were combined with both drama and gym classes and featured a showcase on Friday with all those who participated. A great time was had by all!





Embroidered Bowls with Erin St. John

Students in grades 5 and 6 worked with local artist Erin St. John to hand-build ceramic bowls that were pierced, glazed, and ultimately embroidered! This was part of the 5th and 6th grade art curriculum.

Glass Beads with Alison Thibault

Back by popular demand, local artist Alison Thibault worked with high school students to teach them the technique of making glass beads with a torch.



Art Baron

Art Baron visited Vinalhaven the week of May 20-24. In grades K-5, Art taught students about improvisation and using instruments and non-instruments to make music. The students enjoyed “meeting” his trombone, Bessie. Also, Art got the kids up, out of their seats and moving around to the music. They had a lot of fun.

In the band classes, Art taught the kids about the basics of improvisation, gave them lessons and led rehearsals. He also talked with them about what it’s like to be a professional musician.

One student said, “I always like to play with professional musicians, it’s an incredible learning experience.”