

July 10-14 2017



Caleb poses in cap and gown for our preschool diploma!



Kindergarten Bound

Half of our Imua friends will be moving on to Kindergarten and with that in mind, we have been discussing the upcoming transition. They have had the chance to look at their new school on the internet and talk about what will be the same and what will be different. This transition is one that can be wrought with anxiety for both children and parents as they begin to navigate the unknowns. Expectations will be different and will also vary from school to school. We have discussed how they will likely eat in a cafeteria, have a special desk area, learn how to read and how they will make lots of new friends. Reading books about the first day of school can help with the changes and emphasizing how much they have grown will help too! Our older group has been enjoying no nap time and reading chapter books. The children have read many Roald Dahl classics as well as a chapter book by Tomie dePaula. Chapter books allow children to create their own images of the stories they hear. They help with comprehension and

understanding...especially when they have to summarize yesterday's chapter for the friends who missed it. Reading aloud daily with your child will still be important as they become independent readers and a chapter a night is a great place to start. Please sign up for our farewell pot-luck if you have not already done so!



DATES TO REMEMBER

July 19

Bus trip to the pool
CANCELED

July 20

Last day of school

Farewell celebration

Please join us as we bid farewell to our friends who are moving on

5pm -7pm

Pot-luck

July 21

NO SCHOOL

August 7 First day back

Making Popsicles



Throughout the summer, the children have been making various kinds of smoothies that we then freeze into popsicles for water play day. BJ and Cadence brought in a huge bag full of avocados and that is what we used to make our popsicles this week.



A simple cooking activity offers many opportunities for learning. The children have to follow directions and all wash their hands first! They come to the table as a group and have to practice waiting for a turn...a hard concept for many 3, 4 and even 5 year olds! Each child is given a particular job from peeling bananas to scooping out the flesh of the avocado to slicing up the fruit depending on their skill level and prior experience. Everyone does their part and makes a contribution. Although we offer many choices and allow children to self select many activities, there others that are mandatory.



Mandatory group activities, such as cooking, allow the children to experience a more structured, teacher-led activity in which their behavior is regulated by the teacher. Self-directed learning during our indoor and outdoor center time allows children to make choices and offers a more open-ended experience that leads to self-regulation. We aim to offer a balance of both in the classroom as children learn to navigate their environment.



REMINDER:

We have taken lots of pictures of your child while they have been with us! If your child will be moving on from our program, please bring in a flash drive or memory stick so that we may share those pictures with you!