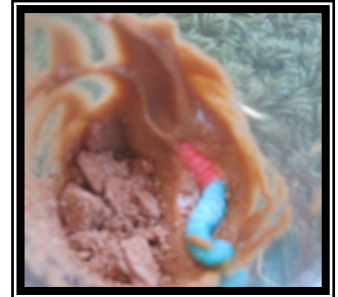


June 26-30 2017



Tucker and Jacob figure out how to make clean mud messy!



Mud three ways

International mud day is celebrated annually around the world in June. Mud day began in Nepal & Australia with groups of people who wanted children to connect to nature. At Imua, while we are fortunate to have a state of the art playground, we do not have access to a lot of nature. We have remedied this by building a garden and taking frequent walking trips to our local park. Our learning trips are often nature based and we provide many opportunities for children to connect with plants and animals in the classroom. This year, with the influx of slugs, we thought it best not to use our garden for mud day. Instead, we set up three different mud activities. We mixed soil and water in our sensory tub and let the children make mud pies...or get in it if they desired. We then made "clean mud" in another bin. The children grated ivory soap and toilet paper and mixed it with warm water to create a slimy, gooey substance. Finally, we created edible mud.

The children cut and scooped out the flesh of avocados which they then masked. We combined this with cacao powder, mashed banana and honey in a blender. Later, each child crumbled up chocolate cookies and added a gummy worm to their mud pie. The mud was available for the children throughout the week and it got lots of use!



DATES TO REMEMBER

July 4

CLOSED

July 5

Walking trip to the library

July 12

Walking trip to the park

July 19

Bus trip to the pool

July 20

Last day of school

Farewell celebration

July 21

NO SCHOOL

Library sing-along

We had so much fun on Tuesday at the Uncle Wayne and the Howling Dog sing-along. Not only are these guys fantastic musicians, but they carry a legacy of early childhood education with them. Uncle Wayne has been in the field for over 40 years and has spent time as director, facilitator, college instructor, PATCH coordinator and even as a bus driver! Mr Girish is husband to a top class toddler teacher on Oahu and Dr. Pfhall has two little ones of his own and makes his own instruments while Uncle Jeff is a Grampa. They know children and music and their passion shows! The music is interwoven with storytelling, movement and rhythm activities. We all had a wonderful time, even though it was nap time. The walk back was tiring and the children slept until 3:30pm!



Block Building

We are fortunate enough to have a robust block area which is utilized daily! The children spend a lot of time in here and with good reason. Blocks are an open-ended material that allow children to explore scientific and mathematical concepts whilst playing. They learn about size, shape, symmetry, cause and effect, speed, angles, balance, stability...the list is endless. Last week, Madelyn and Jacob decided to sketch their design before building it creating a blueprint for their castle. These buildings provide a platform for dramatic play to unfold as children negotiate roles and create sociodramatic stories together. Expert block builders assist others and, of course, everyone helps at clean-up time!

