

September 12-16

**Dates to Remember**

**Preschool Events**

**Library Visit**

September 21

**Open House**

September 27

**Imua Events**

Thru September 30th  
**FOODLAND GIVE ALOHA** ~just mention Imua to make a donation at the check out and Foodland will match your donation dollar for dollar!

**World's Best Ocean Vodka Showdown**

September 24 6-9

A benefit at the Shereton for Dream Imua



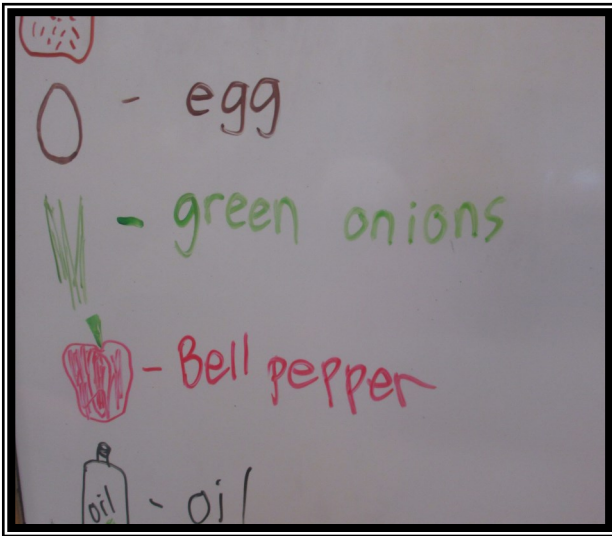
On Wednesday, we took a trip to Foodland. We wanted the children to notice how many people actually work at the grocery store...it's not all about the cash register! The folks at Foodland Uncle James and Uncle Vaughn were very

helpful and friendly. They took us all around the store even into the back. We saw the delivery area and watched boxes get unloaded. We saw the fish counter with a huge ahi. We spent some time naming fruits and vegetables in the produce section and saw where the meat is prepared. In the back, there is a giant freezer. We all got to go inside. It was so cold! It was so cold, we could see our breath! The workers were all very friendly and gave us some samples along the way. We got to taste California rolls, watermelon, potato wedges and cheese munchers. At the end, Uncle Vaughn gave everyone a snack bag to take with them.

This trip re invigorated play in our grocery store with friends role playing all the various jobs they had seen in action.



## Shopping Lists



Before we left for the grocery store, we made a shopping list. Some children had mentioned that they loved fried rice, others said they loved noodles. We decided as a group to make fried rice using all the food groups that we have been learning about: grains, protein and fruits & vegetables. We made a list with the help of the children. After the uncles had given us our tour, we then went on a search for our

ingredients. Writing in front of the children allows them to connect the written word with the spoken word which is a first step to reading. Using the shopping list at the store allows the children to see writing used for a purpose. Hopefully, this will translate into the dramatic play area.

## Hi Ho Cherry Oh!

The children have been really interested in board games lately. Hi-ho-cherry-oh is a simple game that involves sorting colors. Children can learn so much when playing board games. From the social aspect, children learn to wait and take turns, they learn to communicate with a shared understanding of the rules and they learn to win and lose. Many of our games are cooperative games where all children work towards the same goal. Adding the element of competition can be challenging for some children. We have also been playing uno. Uno encourages children to recognize colors and numerals. Some of our uno games have lasted a long time so the children learn patience. Simple games with rules are a great way to interact with your child at home and can bring the whole family together. A word of caution, when playing uno with preschoolers, I always take out the reverse cards and the skip cards. It is really hard for a child to have waited patiently for their turn only to be skipped! We will continue to play board games throughout the year introducing games with strategy later on.

