



Imua Inclusion Preschool Newsletter

February 22-26

Whale Experiments



DATES TO REMEMBER

March 2

Dr Seuss Day

March 16~24

SPRING BREAK

NO SCHOOL

March 18

Family work day

8am-100pm

**Please let us know if you
are planning to attend!**

March 21 & 22

Family Conferences

Sign-up coming soon

March 25

Good Friday

NO SCHOOL

March 28

Prince Kuhio Day

NO SCHOOL

This week, we wrapped up our learning about whales by conducting two experiments. The first demonstrated how baleen attracts more krill than teeth. The second gave the children a hands-on experience with understanding how whales stay warm.

Using toothbrushes as baleen whales and combs as toothed whales, the children predicted which would collect more “krill” (glitter) from the water. After they made their hypothesis, the children tested their ideas. The toothbrushes collected significantly more krill and helped the children to understand why the big whales don’t eat larger prey.

At circle time, we asked the children how they stay warm. We then asked if whales stayed warm the same way. Can a whale wear a coat? They all laughed at the idea of a whale dressed in woolies. We described the layer of fat called blubber and read about it in our whale book. Later, the children participated in an experiment. One hand was covered in “blubber”, (Crisco), and covered with a layer of skin, (a glove). The other was left bare. The first hand was the whale, the second hand the human. We asked the children to guess which one could stay in a bucket of ice the longest. After they made their prediction, they tested it out by plunging both hands into the ice. Every time, the human hand was retracted first. Aunty Gemma and Uncle Nate tried it too and it was surprisingly different. That extra layer of fat really worked to keep our whale hand cold.

The children’s interest in all things ocean appears to be on the wane. Next week, we will celebrate read across America week by focusing on Dr. Seuss stories and activities. We will continue to observe the children for new interests as the week progresses.

