



Imua Inclusion Preschool Newsletter

April 18~22



Malama revisited

With Earth day approaching, we decided to revisit the idea of malama, to take care. This time, we discussed how to take care of the earth.. Although this can seem like an abstract concept, our young citizens are eager to do their part. Ms Lyn set up a box recycling area and the children spent time sorting recyclables into plastic, paper, cardboard or cans. This activity involves deciphering the material used to make something and then applying the mathematical skill of sorting by one common attribute. The children began the week by using the recyclables to build creations in the block studio. The center inspired Zylar who decide to make his own recycling bin with the help of Zebedee and Kees. We took a quick field trip upstairs to see how the Imua staff also recycle. Emma latched onto the phrase, "Don't lose it, reuse it!" and that became a theme this week. What containers from our snacks or lunch can we use for other things? We read books about taking care of the earth and played a game where we looked at pictures and decided if the actions would help the earth or hurt the earth.

Dates to Remember

April 26

Passover with Aunty Nance

April 27

Walking trip to the park

April 28

Uncle Wayne sing-along

May 6 **SCHOOL CLOSED**

Teacher work day

May 11 Possible bus trip to Uncle Wayne concert at St. Anthony's

May 27

End of the year celebration
Garden Party~info coming soon

530pm

This land is my land.

This land is your land

Let's work together to make it better

From tall green mountains to clear blue water

This land depends on you and me



Cleaning Up Our Park

On Wednesday, we took a trip to our favorite park with gloves and bags in tow. Earlier in the week, some children had helped clean up the playground by picking up trash in the bike path. We extended this to picking up trash at the park. We were pleased to see that there was not a significant amount of garbage there but we still managed to collect a large bag full. We took old cardboard with us and returned to our rolling hill. This time, we used the cardboard to slide down on. It was so much fun! For some children, they had to build up the courage to do it by taking it slow or riding with a grown up. Others took to it immediately, no matter how much they fell off. Back at school, Ms Gemma told us the duck pond story. Each child got to participate by throwing trash into the pond. When the pond is full, the ducks don't want to live there. A little boy decides that he will do something about it and enlists the help of his classmates and teacher to clean up the pond. At this point, the children retrieve their trash. The little boy in the story helped to take care of his special place just like we did.



The children have been very connected to the idea of helping the earth and we will continue to talk about this topic for the weeks to come. We will also be turning our dramatic play area into a camp site as we have observed lots of children pretending to camp in many ways from building pillow forts to setting up pretend camp fires. This will give us the perfect venue to tell stories an activity that the children have been highly engaged in recently.



Our Garden is Growing!

We spent time this week in the garden. Haili was so excited by all of the seeds that are now sprouts. We planted kale in one of our garden beds and sunflowers in the other. These will be our vegetable and protein boxes. We also planted tomatoes for our fruit garden box that will be surrounded by edible flowers.

