

August 8-12



What's on your agenda?

As the children enter, they sign in their name and then head for the agenda table. Each day, we update the agenda board with activities and news. This is a great place for you to check and see what is happening. The agenda is a multi purpose activity that does a variety of things. It helps the children begin to recognize symbols, gives them a reason to count and a reason to engage in literacy. We help the children to recognize today and yesterday on the calendar and also highlight special events. The children love to count the days until their birthday or a vacation. Please let us know if you have special days to add! Each child also has an agenda book. In this, they are encouraged to draw a picture of something they want to do that day. Planning ahead helps utilize their executive functioning skills and the book becomes a record of both their progress in drawing and writing and their interests. Often, the children look back and can tell you what they did on each day even if their drawings are not yet recognizable to others. They connect with the process of written communication for a purpose that is personally relevant.

Dates to Remember

Wednesday, August 17

Walking trip to the park. Please wear Imua shirt

Friday, August 19

NO SCHOOL

August 22– Sept 1

Ms. Gemma will be on vacation



Paired activities



In order to build a culture of team work, we pair the children up for various activities. These could include working together to feed the animals or a more structured circle time activity. The children are paired with peers that they don't typically play with to build a sense of community among all of the children.

This week, we used scarves and tried to blow them back and forth with our partner....it was trickier than expected! When Uncle Wayne visited, he also had the children working in pairs as they played patty cake with their egg shakers. The children were very excited to see him and we all enjoyed singing new songs as well as some old favorites. We will continue to encourage the children to work together and will do more partner activities next week.



Malama



Our three classroom rules are: We take care of ourselves, we take care of others and we take care of the things around us. Many of our returning students are familiar with the concept of malama and we refocused on it this week. We discussed ways to take care of yourself through books, puppets and our dramatic

play doctor office. The pueo group made a book depicting how they take care of themselves! We introduced "helping hands" as a way to focus on taking care of others. If a child helps their friend, the friend lets a teacher know and the child earns a helping hand. All of us are still learning to take care of the things around us as we pick up our toys, wipe our spots after lunch and look after the living things in our environment. This will be an on-going theme for a while and will be something that we refer back to through out the year as it creates the foundation for our classroom community.

