

Dates to Remember



Imua Inclusion Preschool Newsletter

November 14~18

Preschool Events

November 22

Thanksgiving Breakfast pot-luck

8am-10am

November 23, 24 & 25

NO SCHOOL

November 30-December 2

Family conferences

December 21

Preschool Winter Celebration

Imua Events

December 15

Keiki Holiday Party

Community Events

December 7 5pm-7pm

Uncle Wayne and the
Howling Dog Band at
Carden Academy FREE
family concert!

With Thanksgiving approaching, the children have been talking about what it means to be grateful. This is not an easy concept for a young child so we can ask them, what are happy for? We also talked a lot about Ohana. What is a family and who might be in their family. Often, children immediately think of the people with whom they live as their family. As we made collages depicting the people in their family, the children added other family members. We saw lots of grandparents, some aunts and uncles and Sebastian insisted that he needed to add his dog, Luna! We read lots of books with various families and tried to help the children see that all families are different. We expanded our definition to include our school family. At school, we do lots of things together much like a family. We are the Imua preschool ohana! We also learned a new song about being a family in Hawaii...we hope to share this with you at our Thanksgiving pot-luck.



Meaningful Math



Math comes naturally to children as they attempt to make sense of their world. As adults, we can provide children with the tools to encourage playful math. This week, we gave the children rulers and they used them to measure their pumpkin plants. The children had creative names for the tool calling it a measuring stick or a flat. We also introduce

cuisenaire rods. These materials help children to begin to develop concepts such as seriation and sorting. The beginning stage is to create a staircase and then we play the game “What’s missing?” Each child takes a turn to hide one or more of their rods. We will continue to use this material which is an excellent introduction to addition and subtraction and, later, division and area. More on this later...



Sweet Potatoes or yams?



This week, we baked yams. Some children called them sweet potatoes and we went with it! The children tasted them raw, baked and with butter and cinnamon. We also read the book, “The Hungry Pu’ua and the Sweet, Sweet Potato.” It is a story about a pig who shows off his prized sweet potato and teases his friends because they don’t have one. Eventually, he realizes that he would rather be with his friends sharing his tasty



treat than be alone and eating it all by himself. We were able to use lots of feeling words throughout the book and talk about how his actions effected others.

