



Ke Ao Lono

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'TIS THE SEASON FOR STEAM

By Kathy Fong

'Tis the season of wonderment, curiosity, creativity, and STEAM! It's the perfect time of year to engage in some science, technology, engineering, art, and math, all while having fun together.

In this merry month of December, your keiki will be diving a little deeper into what they're currently studying. The keiki at each site are learning about some

fascinating topics: Transportation, Flowers, Nature, Caterpillars, Movement, Stories, Meals. Imagine all the "STEAM" these interesting topics can produce!

As we all take part in guiding our keiki in their learning about these things, we can continue to *kilo*. Take a step back and observe what they're doing. Listen to what they're saying. They'll be working on Projects that will show you what they've learned. We're very excited

to see what they come up with!

Enjoy this season of STEAM together. Look for fun opportunities each day

to keep your keiki engaged, curious, and filled with wonder.

Stay safe and healthy, everyone!



WINTER MIRACLE

By Kelsey Conant

And we are back! Here we are, and it's a Christmas miracle being able to enjoy time with you all face-to-face at our site (even at a distance) is a blessing. This year has held so much uncertainty but we can rejoice in what we know to be real. The people we love, the experiences we share, and the moments we have to learn new things about our world and ourselves still remain.

By continuing Food Distribution, virtual learning, and ClassDojo, we can have a routine that benefits those who cannot join school physi-

cally. I look forward to seeing how much we've grown, either in person or online.

We are also happy to welcome our new Keiki Teacher, Jasmine Soliven. She hails from O'ahu and currently lives in Waipahu. She enjoys outdoor activities, baking, spending time with family, and trying out new food places. Her favorite children's books are the Junie B. Jones series written by Barbara Park.

Peace on Earth, good will to men, and an extraordinary winter break to us all!



Aunty Jas
Keiki Teacher

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By Pua Aquino
 Welina mai kākou!
 If you ever watched people paddle a canoe, you have witnessed the perfect example of

lōkahi, or unity. In the late 1700s, Europeans who visited the Hawaiian Islands remarked at how impressed they were with the way a canoe

filled with eighteen paddlers on each side were able to paddle in unison. Each paddler would move to the right and to the left with each other, functioning as one unit.

Paddling in a canoe is a beautiful depiction of *lōkahi*. Each person in the canoe plays an important role in moving the canoe to its destination. If one person stops paddling, it will slow the

canoe down. The same can be said about the way people function as a family and as a community. When we all work together, the possibilities are endless and accomplished more quickly.

Let's all try our best to do as this 'ōlelo no'eau states, "Pūpūkahi i holomua," which means, "Unite in order to progress."

Little Helpers

By Nida Otto

Have you ever noticed how much learning takes place when your little one helps you cook? Cooking with your keiki is a win-win for both of you, you get help and they learn! Long ago, when we were in our classroom in person, the dramatic play center was always the most popular center for the keiki. So why not turn dramatic play into a real-life learning experience! Here are some ways your keiki can assist with cooking:



- Prep the baking dish- using softened butter, allow your keiki to spread the butter on the bottom and sides of the pan.
- Whisk dry and add wet ingredients together, assist your keiki with mixing and pouring when needed.
- Cracking eggs- show them how you tap the egg to crack the shell

When they help you, they are learning math skills like measuring and following steps in order, or sequencing. You are even helping build their confidence and self-esteem!

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