Try this with your ʻohana

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Tūtū Manaʻo
Tips on Being Your Keiki’s First Teacher

Holding on to pilikia (trouble) can leave you feeling maʻi (not well). Pilikia can cause stress that affects your ability to focus on being present with your keiki. When you model healthy ways of letting go of pilikia, you are teaching keiki how to manage their emotions. Kūpuna used the kai (ocean) for hiʻu wai (salt water cleansing) to shed away any pilikia and to think of ways they could bring goodness to their ola (life). On your next visit to the kahakai (beach), take a dip into the kai (salt water) and let go of your pilikia.

Hiʻu Wai
“Salt Water Cleansing”

LEʻALEʻA
Home Play Activity that Promotes Learning

Materials:
- washable glue
- card stock paper
- paintbrush
- liquid water color or food coloring mixed with water
- paʻakai (sea salt)

Directions:
1. Squeeze the glue onto the cardstock to create a picture of your favorite animal that lives in the kai.
2. Sprinkle your glue design with paʻakai until it is covered and then shake off the excess paʻakai.
3. Fill small plastic cups with the different liquid watercolor paint or food coloring mixture.
4. Use a paintbrush to gently paint different colors on to your kai paʻakai picture.
5. Once you’re finished painting, set it aside to dry.

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Display your kai paʻakai painting for your ʻohana to enjoy!

Kahakai Huakaʻi

Provide time to connect with nature. Find a peaceful area at the kahakai to sit and talk with keiki. Connect to your senses. Listen to the nalu (waves), smell the ocean breeze, and feel the warmth of the sand between your toes.

Provide time to connect with keiki. When ʻauʻau kai (ocean swimming) take time to splash together in the kai. This is a fun way to bond with keiki and create joyful memories.

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E ALA E, KA LĀ I KA HIKINA
Awaken/Arise, the sun in the east
I KA MOANA, KA MOANA HOHONU
From the ocean, the deep ocean
PI‘I KA LEWA, KA LEWA NU‘U
Climbing to heaven, the highest heaven,
I KA HIKINA, AIA KA LĀ, E ALA E!
In the east, there is the sun, arise!

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MANAWA ‘AI MĀMĀ
A Snack for the Entire ‘Ohana

Kahakai kī ʻaha
On your next visit to the kahakai have keiki kōkua by preparing a healthy snack. Make a kahakai kī ʻaha (beach cup) for when keiki’s ʻōpū (tummy) is hungry from all the ‘auʻau kai (ocean swimming). Give keiki the option to choose a protein, a vegetable and a fruit to place in their kahakai kī ʻaha. Sit together with keiki and enjoy listening to “There’s a Monster in my ʻōpū” read aloud as you munch on your manawa ‘ai māmā. Ask keiki “What does your ʻōpū say when it is hungry?”