By Kathy Fong

What do you think of when you hear the word “study”? Do you picture someone sitting at a desk with an open textbook, taking notes, not having any fun? Uh-huh.

This past month, your keiki have been “studying” various topics related to the theme of Aloha ʻĀina, but it looked nothing like what I mentioned above. Your keiki have been investigating and learning about interesting things, using their whole bodies, senses, and minds. Ask your keiki about what they’ve been studying, and they’ll probably be able to tell or show you a lot of what they know.

Here are some topics being studied currently at Ka Pa’alana: Kalo, fish, canoe plants, pollinators and pests, farms, and tools. No hunching over desks and textbooks at this school! We’re all about learning through real-life experiences and having fun.

By Kelsey La Cuesta

Aloha! June has been a busy month for us at Hope. We celebrated, learned, and had so much fun with our ‘ohana. Our keiki entered the study phase of our theme and explored traditional and modern-day tools used by our ancestors to aloha ʻāina. They had so much fun taking care of the kalo in our planters by watering them daily and pulling out the weeds. Next month, keiki will continue their study of the theme by creating their own tools using materials from our creation station for their projects. We are excited to see how they plan, design, and create their tools!

We also celebrated our graduates and the Class of 2022! E ho’omau i ka a‘i ana (congratulations) to all the wonderful keiki and caregivers for their hard work and dedication. Remember, you can do anything you set your mind to! We are so proud of each and every one of you. This isn’t goodbye but rather a hui hou, mālama pono!

With Aloha,
Hope Staff
By Pua Aquino

Welina mai kākou!

“Ike ‘ia nō ka loea i ke kuahu.”

An expert is recognized by the altar he builds.

It is what one does and how well he does it that shows whether he is an expert.

This month’s ‘ōlelo no‘eau demonstrates how we might determine if a person is an expert at something. People who claim to be experts will be judged by their ability to do what they said they could do. We need to remember however, that every expert was once an amateur. Everyone needs to start at the beginning, and with time and dedication, they can reach the level of an expert. Our children are also amateurs striving to be experts at things. As caregivers, one of the most valuable things we can give our children is time: time to practice, time to fail, and time to become experts at what they enjoy most.

Safety Tips for the Fourth of July

By Maria Cueva

Before you fire up the grill, light up a sparkler, launch a firework, or settle in to watch the Independence Day celebration, make sure you talk to your children about staying safe during these fun July 4th celebrations.

Fireworks and Sparklers

Being safe around fireworks is important for both kids and adults, as the risk of injury is greatest for teenagers and young children.

- Always light fireworks away from other people because they can backfire or launch in an unexpected direction
- Never light fireworks toward homes and keep them away from bushes and leaves
- Do not try to relight a defective firework
- Soak all fireworks in a bucket of water before throwing them in a trashcan

Because it can be such a busy day, don’t forget other summer safety protocols, for example, lathering on sunscreen before going to the beach and bringing along water bottles for the whole family.