

KE AO LONO



TS Gold: Signs

Signs are everywhere. From street signs and store signs to signs in your own classroom, children enjoy pointing them out and talking about what they mean. This study offered children an opportunity to look around their home and school environments and discover the different kinds of signs they can find. They also discovered the important uses of signs and created some of their own.

Seats, signs, and smiles!

We are excited to begin our new study on Seats and Signs! During these past few weeks, children have explored how seats and signs help people in everyday life. Through play, art, stories, and observation, they will learn how these familiar objects keep us safe, comfortable, and connected. In our study of seats, our keiki noticed where and how people sit. They will explore different types of seats—such as chairs, benches, swings, and car seats—and discover what makes them sturdy or special. The children will design and build their own seats, practice sharing space with friends, and learn that seats are for resting, working, and playing.

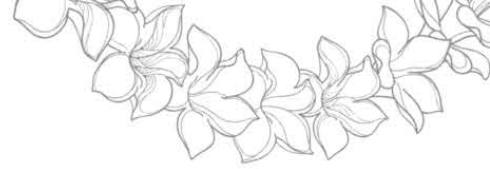
As we studied signs, our keiki observed how symbols and words give information and keep people safe. They will go on sign hunts, make their own classroom signs, and discuss what different signs mean. These experiences will help develop observation, communication, and early reading skills.

Families can extend learning at home by noticing seats and signs together and asking questions like, “What does that sign tell us?” or “Who uses this kind of seat?”

We look forward to seeing the children’s creativity and curiosity grow throughout this exciting study!



Kumu Kukui



Welina mai kākou!

If you have 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 was able to paddle in unison. Each paddler would move to the right and 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'ēau states, "Pūpūkahi i holomua," which means, "Unite in order to progress."

By Pua Aquino

Pictorial routines

Parenting can be a wild ride! Keiki are full of energy, curiosity, and BIG emotions... not to mention how fast they are growing and learning. This is why it is so important to have clear routines for them. This will create better behaviors and fewer meltdowns. For your young keiki, a pictorial routine schedule is very helpful. You can point to the picture you are at and show them what will be next.

This will promote independence, help them understand what's expected, make transitions smoother, facilitate understanding of routines, develop language, and reduce anxiety and power struggles with their caregivers. Routines will also boost their confidence as they complete tasks and build self-esteem.

By Denise Mazepa

Why Routines Are Important for Children

 Provides Stability	 Makes Them Feel Safe	 Encourages Good Choices	 Keeps Them Active
 Boosts Their Mood	 Better Sleep	 Teaches Independence	 Fewer Arguments
 Prepares Them for Life	 Builds Healthy Habits	 Teaches Time Management	 Brings Families Closer
 Helps Them Focus	 Teaches Responsibility	 Smooth Transitions	 Helps Them Feel Confident

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