

Animals

infant

MOVE LIKE A MANU

The 'āina is home to many native manu in Hawai'i. Noticing the manu give us an appreciation for the natural world. Spend time outside with your infant observing the manu in your 'āina.

KEIKI DEVELOPMENT:

- Big muscle strength and coordination
- Sensory exploration of the environment

'ŌLELO HAWAI'I:

- Manu- Bird
- Lele- Fly

MATERIALS:

- Book: "Birds in Hawai'i" by BeachHouse Publishing
- Blanket



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INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Read the book, "Birds in Hawai'i" together.
2. Point to each manu as you say their name.
3. Head outside to look for real manu in your 'āina.
4. Lay a blanket on the grass and point to the manu as they lele or perch in a tree. See if your infant can track the manu with their eyes or mimic you pointing. Talk to your infant about the manu you see.
5. Make this time playful! Lay back on the blanket and gently lift your infant above you as if they will lele like the manu.

At-home 'ohana activities use common household, recycled, or natural materials that set the stage for keiki-led exploration, developmental mastery, and social-emotional bonding.

MALAKI

(March)

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toddler

HELU 'ĪLIO

Toddlers develop math skills very early in life. They form ideas about math through everyday experiences and interactions. Math is everywhere!

KEIKI DEVELOPMENT:

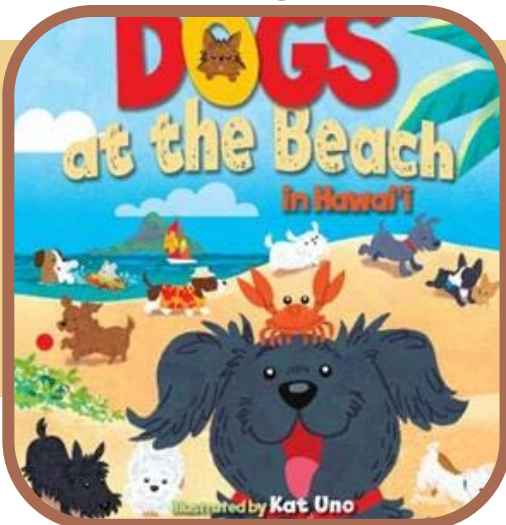
- Numbers and counting
- Language skills

'ŌLELO HAWAI'I:

- Helu - Count
- 'Īlio - Dog

MATERIALS:

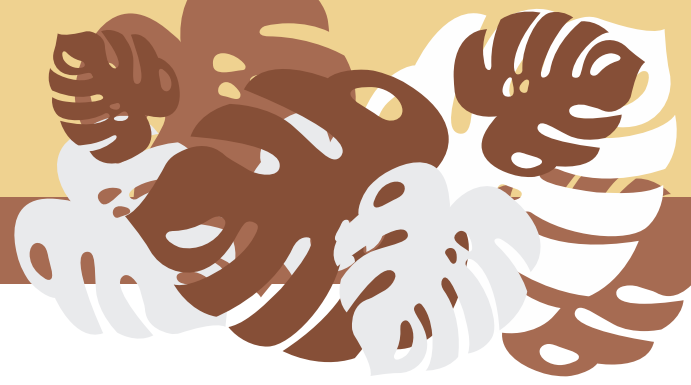
- Book: "Dogs at the Beach in Hawai'i" by BeachHouse Publishing



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Digital storytime here!



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INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Read the book, "Dogs at the Beach in Hawai'i" together.
2. Pause while reading and encourage your toddler to point and helu the 'īlio on each page. This develops math skills!
3. Take a walk around the park or your neighborhood and helu the 'īlio you see.
4. Throughout the day, look for other ways to encourage noticing numbers and counting with your toddler.
5. Extended learning: Model counting in 'ōlelo Hawai'i. 'Ekahi (1), 'elua (2), 'ekolu (3), 'ehā (4), 'elima (5)!

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preschooler

E KUKU KĀKOU! LET'S COOK!

Preparing meals with your preschooler is a hands on learning experience! Mahalo to the hen who provides fresh hua and mahalo to your preschooler for helping to kuke!

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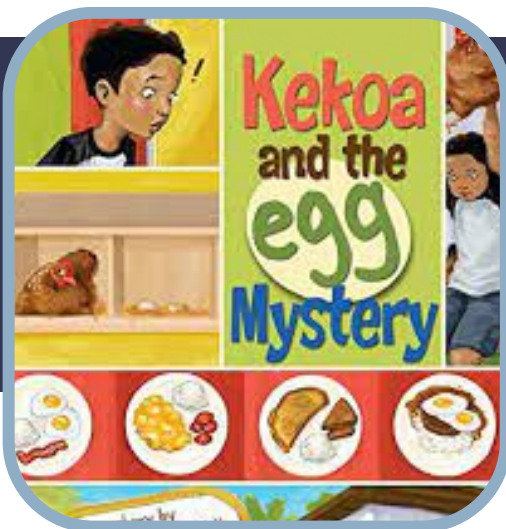
- Science and living things
- Cognitive development

'ŌLELO HAWAI'I:

- Hua- Egg/ Eggs
- Kuke - Cook

MATERIALS:

- Book: "Kekoa and the Egg Mystery?" by Tia Monteaux Walls
- Eggs
- Mixing bowl
- Whisk



[Digital storytime here!](#)



PARTNERS IN DEVELOPMENT
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INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Read the book, "Kekoa and the Egg Mystery" together. Before you begin, ask your preschooler, "Do you know where hua comes from?" Listen to their mana'o (thoughts). This helps their cognitive development!
2. After you find out how Kekoa solves the mystery, have your preschooler help you kuke the hua in the kitchen.
4. Guide them along with two-step directions, e.g. "Crack the hua, then stir with the whisk."
5. Have your preschooler observe and share what happens when you kuke the hua.
6. Enjoy the hua dish together!

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