



Rainbow School - Honolulu January 2011 Newsletter



January's Theme

The children will focus on "Discovering my 5 senses" for the month of January. The children will learn about their sense of smell, taste, sight, hearing, and touch. They will be engaged in a variety of fun activities that will help them understand the importance of our 5 senses.



Calendar of Events



Happy New Year 2011!

January 3 - Classes resume.

January 6 – Ohia Productions perform "A Tale of the North Pacific" at 9:30

January 13 – Shiny Sea Stars class walk to the library.

January 17 - School is closed in observance of the Martin Luther King, Jr.

January 26 – Story time with Ms. Donna for the Silly Seahorses class at 9:00

January 27 –Dynamic Dolphins walk to the library

January 28 – Excursion to the Honolulu Zoo (preschool). Please have your child wear his/her Rainbow School t-shirt and closed toe shoes. Home lunch and a drink is required. Parent volunteers are welcome! Look out for the sign-up sheet in your child's classroom.



Thank you!

Our Christmas Program was a great success. Parent participation was wonderful and the children and staff did an outstanding job preparing for this program. Great job everyone!!

Another great big "Thank you" goes out to all of the parents who made our annual Christmas Book Exchange a success. All of the children were able to give and receive a book. They had a wonderful time exchanging their books!

Thanks to all of you who purchased Gift Cards for our December fundraiser. We are thankful for our Federal Child Care Board who spearheaded this event. Kristie Chang (Kamalu's mom – Malie Kai class) did an outstanding job getting all of the orders in so that we can do our "No Hassle" Christmas shopping early! Our schools profit was \$808.85! Great going everyone!!

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Thanks also to Daly Watson (Lovable Lobsters class) and his parents Derrick and Gloriann who donated the beautiful Christmas tree that was located in the lobby. The children had lots of fun creating beautiful decorations to adorn the tree. Thank you Daly and family for sharing the holiday spirit with all of us!

Welcome

We'd like to welcome few children to our Rainbow School family: 'Aulani Domingo and Toby Chee who will be in the Shiny Sea Stars classroom and Rylie Kaopuiki-Kaikaina to the Dynamic Dolphin's classroom. Welcome aboard friends! We look forward to being a part of your growth and development☺

We'd also like to welcome our newest edition to our teaching staff, Mrs. Sandy Nii to the Shiny Sea Stars classroom.

Aloha Oe

Aloha Oe to Annie Chang and her family as they move back home to Vietnam. We thank Annie for being such a wonderful Dynamic Dolphin and thank her parents for allowing us to be a part of Annie's early childhood education. We wish the Chang family all the best as they embark on a new chapter in their lives.



Simple Science Activities

Exploding Colors (from [Even More Fizzle, Bubble, Pop & WOW!](#), Lisa Murphy, Ooey Goey Inc.)

Materials:

Pie tin, evaporated milk (at room temperature), food coloring, toothpicks, dish soap, can opener

Process:

1. Pour the evaporated milk in to the pit tin so that the bottom is completely covered.
2. Add three or four drops of food color to the milk, one drop at a time. Use different colors and keep the colors separated from each other.
3. Dip the tip of the toothpick into the dish soap.
4. Touch the soap covered toothpick tip into the center of each droplet of coloring.
5. Watch as the colors explode right before your eyes!

Explanation:

When soap touches the milk, the surface tension is broken and the color droplets are dispersed instantly throughout the liquid.

Variation:

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Whole milk can be used instead of evaporated milk.

Best Bubble Solution (from Even More Fizzle, Bubble, Pop & WOW!, Lisa Murphy, Ooey Goopy Inc.)

Materials:

6 cups water, 2 cups Dawn™ dish soap, various bubble tools such as: straws, paper towel rolls, flyswatters (new), berry baskets, your hands, 6 pack rings, PVC pips with cheesecloth on one end, etc....

Process:

1. Combine the water and the dish soap in a large tub.
2. Allow the children to blow bubbles with an assortment of bubble tools.
3. Ask the children what other things might work as bubble blowers, and then test those out as well.

Explanation:

Bubbles are the perfect example of surface tension! Surface tension causes the surface of liquid to pull together and create a “skin” on the surface of the liquid. Bubbles are actually thin balls of liquid with air trapped in the center.

Note!

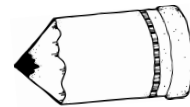
Dawn™ is one of the few dish soaps that contain glycerin. Glycerin assists in making stronger, longer lasting bubbles.

Hint:

Wash bubble tools with vinegar and water to remove the sticky bubble residue.



Upcoming Events



February 22 – Excursion to Hoa Aina O Makaha (Makaha Learning Center)

March 11 – Excursion to the Children’s Discovery Center

March 15 & 16 – Spring Pictures

March 28-April 1 – Parent/Teacher conferences

April 15 – Excursion to Rainbow School Kahuku for our annual All Schools Fun Day

May 27 – Recognition Day Program at 9:30am

Parents may sign up to assist on excursions when the sign-up sheet is posted in your child’s classroom. Thank you for your participation and support!

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