



A message from
Ke Po'o Māhele Lalo
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Aloha e nā mākua,

The first quarter of school has flown by! Our haumāna are learning in new and different ways, and our kumu are working tirelessly to meet student needs. As previously stated in our back to school night, partnerships between home and school are more important than ever. The first quarter of school has definitely shown us that “we are all in this together.” We have a great deal to celebrate, but still a lot of work ahead of us.

As you review your child’s progress report, please know that these marks are not final. These are merely indicators of how your keiki is doing. During the Parent Teacher Conferences you will have an opportunity to learn more and find ways you can support your keiki’s learning at home. As always, please reach out to your child’s teacher if you have any questions or concerns about their assignments or accessing their technology. Be sure to sign up via Calendly with your homeroom and, if needed, specials kumu.

In addition to the Progress Report, you will see a copy of your keiki’s MAP scores. MAP tests determine your child’s instructional level and measure academic growth throughout the school year. We will be testing three times this year, fall, winter, and spring. MAP Growth scores help our kumu check student performance by measuring achievement and growth. Kumu use results to tailor classroom lessons and set goals for students.

We are acutely aware of the impact the pandemic has not only had on our keiki, but children nationwide and even globally. It is for this reason it is even more important to continue providing additional support at home.

Ways to help your child with reading:

- Provide many opportunities for your child to read books or other materials. Children learn to read best when they have books and other reading materials at home and plenty of chances to read. Read aloud to your child. Research shows that this is the most important activity that parents can do to increase their child’s chance of reading success. Keep reading aloud even when your child can read independently.
- Play games like Scrabble®, Spill and Spell™, Scattergories®, and Balderdash™ together.
- Follow your child’s interest—find fiction and nonfiction books that tie into this interest.

Ways to help your child with mathematics

- Encourage children to solve problems. Provide assistance, but let them figure it out themselves. Problem solving is a lifetime skill.
- The kitchen is filled with tasty opportunities to teach fractional measurements, such as doubling and dividing cookie recipes.
- Point out ways that people use mathematics every day to pay bills, balance their checkbooks, make change, and how to tip at restaurants.
- Involve older children in projects that incorporate geometric and algebraic concepts such as planting a garden, building a bookshelf, or figuring how long it will take to drive to your family vacation destination.

Me ke aloha pumehana,

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