

Papa Honu Home Learning Week #3

Learning Goal

Keiki will learn about his/her environment and the plants growing in the yard, identify plant parts, count leaves, and sort items according to one attribute.

Learning Activity

Pick one leaf from each of several plants outside. Bring them together and lay them out, side by side. Ask keiki to group them. Ask why those leaves belong together. Give prompts if necessary. (Put the green leaves here, put the not-green leaves here. Thin/broad shaped, long/short, etc.)

Extension Activity

Choose ONE type of plant and count how many of them there are in the yard. (If you only have grass, ask keiki to look for a different kind of grass/weed in the lawn. If you only have rocks, give keiki a specific amount of rocks to grab.)

Homework, Due Thursday

Take a picture of keiki with ONE plant in your yard. Upload it to our Papa Honu Padlet and caption it with the following information:

Name of the plant and what your 'ohana uses it for.



Week 3 Bonus Activities

Language

Listen to the story, <u>I Am a</u> <u>Leaf by Jean Marzollo</u> on YouTube (via Bookworm Bonny).

Discuss:

What is a leaf's job? What does it need in order to do its job? Do you remember what creatures came by the leaf?

Movement

Tune in to <u>Preschool Learn</u> to Dance: Can You Plant A <u>Bean</u> by Dance 'n Beats Lab on YouTube. Dance and sing along!

Leaves like to face the sun. Pretend to be a plant and let your hands be your leaves. Have mom or dad be the sun and move around the room. Keep your leaves (hands) facing the sun (your mom or dad)!

Math

Use the leaves you gathered to make a pattern. How many different kinds of repeating patterns can you make?

Small leaf, big leaf, small leaf, big leaf? Round leaf, skinny leaf, brown leaf, round leaf, skinny leaf, brown leaf... the possibilities are endless! Have fun with it.

Art

Use the leaves you gathered to make a work of art. Maybe bunch them together to make a leaf bouquet. Maybe tie or string them together to make a lei or a hanging mobile. Maybe use glue and a paper plate to make a collage.

Use your imagination and materials you find at home. Only use a scissors with adult supervision. ;o)

Science

Go outside and choose a living thing to observe in detail (animal or plant). Talk about what you notice including the shapes that make it up. Feel its texture. Draw a picture of it and show the little details. (Help keiki label the parts such as stem, leaf, leg, tail, etc.)

Nohona Hawai'i

Lots of things we plant in our yards are there for a reason. Hawaiians have very specific uses for plants, sometimes even as medicine.

Do you have any plants in your yard that could be used as medicine? Ask your mom, dad, or maybe even your grandpa or grandma. How do they use it?