In first grade, students are learning to use proper keyboarding skills with the help of Paws Teaches Typing software.

We want to form good habits from the beginning, so students need to remember to noho pono (sit properly), use ten fingers and the home row keys.

Our first project will be to publish a book about Hi`ilei Media Center. Students will use several software applications to complete this project. Students will draw their pictures using Kid Pix, and type their text using PowerPoint. Drawings will be imported to their PowerPoint slides and printed into a booklet using Cocoa Booklet. We hope to finish this project by December.

We have a terrific time together for story-time, singing songs and library lessons when visiting the Hi`ilei Media Center.

This semester students are working on the characteristics of a fiction book by recognizing character traits and story elements.

What is information literacy? "To be information literate, a person must be able to recognize when information is needed and have the ability to locate, evaluate, and use effectively the needed information." (American Library Association) In first grade, students should be able to recognize the difference between non-fiction and fiction. For example, fiction books have imaginary stories with characters that have problems while non-fiction books are full of information and facts. They should begin to ask questions for inquiry and be able to find and locate answers using appropriate sources in the library.
Students follow an odd and even cycle. During odd cycles students have a library lesson and borrow books. During even cycles students have a computer lesson.

Here is the schedule for first grade:

- Room 6: Day 2 (12:00-12:55)
- Room 10: Day 2 (1:30-1:25)
- Room 5: Day 3 (12:00-12:55)
- Room 9: Day 3 (1:30-2:25)

Hi`ilei Media Center Mission

To enable students to seek and use information and technology ethically and accurately as students develop skills in independent learning and higher order thinking.

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