# A Caring Place Parent Bulletin March 2024

#### **Dates to Remember:**

March 18-22 Spring Break, School Closed March 26- Prince Kuhio Day, School Closed March 29- Good Friday Day, School Closed

#### Traffic, Parking & Safety

When parking your car, please do not use the staff parking area. When pulling up in front, please pull your car completely in and off the bike lane. When opening your car door, you must be clear of the bike lane. Kainalu continues to be a very busy street. For everyone's safety please be careful.

#### Weather

We are into what we call our "winter" weather in Hawaii. Please make sure to dress your child appropriately for the cooler temperatures. It is a good idea to have a jacket or sweater kept in their cubby for these cooler days.

#### **Easter Projects**

We will be celebrating Easter with a party and egg hunt. We are asking that parents please bring in half gallon juice or milk cartons for our Easter basket projects. Please wash them with soap and water before dropping them off. Thank You.

Monthly Bulletins and lunch menus are available on our website at acaringplacekailua.com

### **Infant & Toddler Program**

5 Things Toddlers DO Understand

- 1. They know what you're saying. Despite their inability to speak in full sentences, toddlers can understand a large number of words and commands. So meaningful comprehension can come several months before vocabulary catches up with it.
- 2. They sense what you're feeling. They don't understand why you are tense, but they pick up the signs and the meaning.

3. They recall routines down to the tiniest detail. A familiar sequence of events helps him/her feel secure. Alter it just a little and he/she is likely to protest.

4. They know how to empathize. When a friend is hurt, toddlers want to help or soothe others by imitating how they've been soothed by adults.

5. They know how to create a comfort object. Having a special blanket or doll helps make them feel calm and protected. This helps them feel better in an often scary or confusing world.

#### **Toddler Too**

First, we would like to say thank you for the special treats, snacks, and goodies that were brought in for our Valentine's Day party. The children loved sharing and talking about the special treats that they brought to school for their friends.

For the month of March, we will be going right into "Ocean Life". We will be covering the ocean shores, plants, and creatures. As part of our curriculum, we will be tasting a variety of foods that come from the ocean such as octopus, seaweed, fish (cooked & raw), and shrimp. If your child is allergic to seafood, please inform me (Miss Renee) as soon as possible.

## **Montessori 3-6 Program**

We would like to thank all of the parents who brought in cards and special treats for our Valentine's Day celebration. As usual, the children had a great time.

For our March curriculum, we will be continuing our journey around the world. We have learned about North America, South America and Asia. This month we will be focusing on AFRICA. This will include life on the African Savannah and animals such as lions, zebras, giraffes and hippos. We will also be discussing the people and culture of Africa.