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EXTRAORDINARY EARTH PROJECT: THE I WANT TO GIVE A HUGE SHOUT OUT TO THE KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS FOR THEIR FANTASTIC PARTICIPATION IN THE EXTRAORDINARY EARTH PROJECT! ADDITIONALLY, A SPECIAL MENTION TO MRS. BALA'S CLASS, WHICH WAS THE ONLY CLASSROOM TO HAVE STUDENTS WHO SUBMITTED ART PIECES FOR THE FUNDRAISER. WELL DONE!



LOKAHIARTPROJECTWITHSTHGRADE:LET'S GIVE A ROUND OF APPLAUSE TO OUR STH-GRADE STUDENTS FOR ACTIVELYPARTICIPATING IN THE LOKAHI ART PROJECT THIS YEAR. WE WISH THEM ALL THE BESTAS THEY GRADUATE TO MIDDLE SCHOOL!



Idea Generator

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Can you show me a simple abstract

visual on Lōkahi?

Students also used A.I. to assist them with this art project!

Get help coming up with ideas on any topic.

Help me come up with ideas for...

Creative Visual Project Ideas on Lōkahi



Idea 1: The Circle of Harmony

Create a large circle on a piece of poster board. Inside the circle, draw or paste pictures of people from different backgrounds and cultures holding hands. Around them, illustrate various elements of nature such as the sun, trees, water, and animals, showcasing how everything is connected and lives in harmony. This represents the Lokahi concept of unity and harmony between people and nature.

Idea 2: The Lokahi Triangle

Using a large sheet of paper, draw a big triangle. Divide the triangle into three sections. In the first section, draw symbols representing humans (like a handprint or a smiley face). In the second section, draw elements representing the natural world (such as leaves, waves, or the earth). In the third section, illustrate symbols of spirituality or wellbeing (like a heart or a peace sign). This triangle demonstrates the balance and unity between human life, nature, and spiritual wellness, which is central to Lokahi.



5 Questions

Get AI to ask 5 questions to push your creativity and deepen your thinking on a topic!

Ask me questions to push my thinking about:

lõkahi, unity, harmony, agreement

Absolutely! Focusing on the concepts of lokahi, unity, harmony, and agreement is an excellent way to develop critical thinking and creativity in a 5th-grade student. Here are five thought-provoking questions tailored for this level:

1. What is Lokahi and How Can We Apply It in Our Classroom?

a. Imagine lokahi is like everyone in our class paddling a canoe in the same direction. What are some actions we can take to make sure we're all moving together, and how would it change our classroom environment?

2. Creating Unity Through Diversity:

a. Think about a garden with lots of different types of flowers. Each one is unique, but together they make the garden beautiful. How can we apply this idea to our friendships and working together in school? SNEAK PEEK TO NEXT YEAR'S HAWAIIAN STUDIES CURRICULUM:

I AM EXCITED TO SHARE THAT THIS SEL HAWAIIAN STUDIES COLORING BOOK WILL BE AN INTEGRAL PART OF NEXT YEAR'S CURRICULUM. EACH STUDENT WILL RECEIVE A BOOK AS PART OF THEIR LEARNING EXPERIENCE.

WISHING YOU ALL A WONDERFUL SUMMER BREAK AND LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU NEXT YEAR!

STEAM 3-5 Ms. C

All students worked on an Ahupua'a mural that included hanging native birds and three dimensional Ohia trees. We learned that the health of the forest depends on the ecosystem services that the native forest birds provide. 3rd grade students wrote letters to the birds thanking them for these ecosystem services such as pollination and seed dispersal.





STEAM 3-5 Ms. C

A hui hou 5th graders!

5th grade students decorated a stone to place in the Laau lapaau garden as a farewell celebration.

The stones will be there permanently as a tribute to the time students spent at JES :)



Ms. A's STEAM classes finished up the 2nd Semester learning about the Ocean Science and the Environment. Students completed various projects using a variety of mediums comparing what makes up sand, creating their own coral reef composition, labeling reef fish anatomy, (honu) turtles, hermit crab, monk seal lessons, discussing whale migration, shark habits, aquaponics vs. garden soil growing, the problem with marine debris, and concluded with using recycled wood framing their own personal paintings.

I always love the challenge of creating hands on earth and ocean science lesson plans that I think students mostly enjoy learning from doing.

Looking forward to our next school year!

Computer with Mr. Keo Genus, MFA, MSW

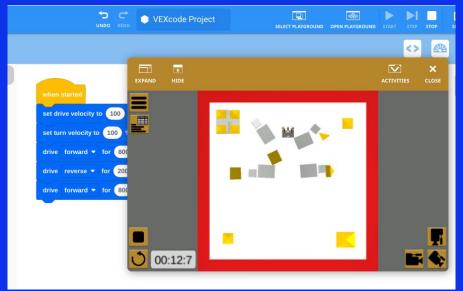
Aloha and Mahalo to all reading about the good works we do for President Thomas Jefferson Elementary School. This year, our computer classes accomplished many great things!

At this point we have K-3rd grade students that had very little contact with a computer to now capable of logging in to our Surfer Lab account, and logging in to our typing platform to do independent work.

These students practiced the Qwerty song on each class meeting to help with memorizing the order of keys on the keyboard, allowing them to make quick connections between what they see on the screen and their fingers. While, there are always more room to improve, I am confident that each students has excelled in their typing skills!

To make note of their excellence, many students from K–3rd grade will be receiving a President Thomas Jefferson Elementary School Computer Class "super typers" at the end of the year. This award, is not to be taken lightly or for granted. Only students who showed a perfect score on their modules (10–13 lessons each) will receive such honor. For our last quarter, students in 4th and 5th grade focused on apps. From producing AI Art to re-writing the story of Malama the Monk Seal (a story by Andree Paradis) these students got to experience softwares that they will likely use again in high school.

This quarter's highlight was making a calendar for "Mother's Day" and coding for "Castle Crasher" a vr.vex challenge. Check out their examples below! Above all, good job to all 4th and 5th graders!



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