



Dear Parents/Guardians,

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Aloha! Hard to believe we are in third quarter already. It will be the end of the year before we know it!

This month students will continue to study division and the relationship to multiplication, as well as focusing on how to recognize and solve two part problems.

Students presented their Native American research in front of the class on Thursday and Friday and your child will be bringing home a permission slip to have the video of their presentation displayed on our class website. This is not a requirement at all, but would be fun to share. In Social Studies this month we will wrap up our discussion of citizens' rights and responsibilities and take off on an exploration of the world, touching on topics like immigration, world populations, and a research unit investigating a different country.

We will continue our use of Spelling City and the homework will come in the form of worksheets from that site. Please make sure you give your child a practice spelling test before Friday so they can do whatever extra study is needed to succeed on test day!

Speaking of testing, our class will be taking the Hawaii State Assessment for the first time at the end of this month. We have been practice testing in the classroom but we need your help at home, specifically in the form of practicing multiplication facts and building stamina around **absolutely silent, focused reading** for long chunks of time (15-30 minutes). Building focus will help your child succeed, as the test is very rigorous and requires students to sit quietly in front of a computer for an hour or longer. Students will take the first round of tests in math and reading during the last week of February and will take the second round of testing in March, after Spring Break.

Have an excellent week and continue to check the website for updates!

Aloha,

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