



Success For All News



KAHAKAI ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Quarter 1 SY 23-24

Solutions Teams

Mahalo to Kona Sewing Club & Cruisin Cafe for sponsoring our HW Challenge Snack Shop. 14 SFA classes met the quarterly goal and got to pick out a snack for meeting the 80% completion of Read & Respond HW Sheets.

Quarterly Highlights

We started our 2nd year of SFA with professional development for all our teachers in reading, writing, and Getting Along Together (GAT program), to build consistency and strong routines in all our classrooms. In September, our entire complex area attended PLC at work conference in Waikoloa and 18 of our teachers continued the conference in Oahu. We learned the focus of "all our kids are all our kids" and SFA lends well to this idea that our whole staff is focused on improving literacy skills for all of our students. Our teachers also engaged in peer observations to learn from our colleagues and participated in quarterly component team meetings to set instructional goals to improve our practice.

KinderCorner

Our Kindergarten SFA program is a whole day curriculum that integrates oral language development, beginning reading, writing, math, science, social studies, and GAT with thematic units. In Quarter 1, our Kindergarten teachers focused on building strong classroom routines to our new students, so students know what is expected and transitions move smoothly from one activity to the next. Teachers are using movement breaks and zero noise signal to refocus students.



Roots & Wings

Our Roots & Wings students worked on reading fluency using their shared stories & Savvy readers during partner reading. Cooperative learning in SFA encourages students to take ownership of their learning and initiative to help their partner when they are stuck. They also practice comprehension skills by retelling what their partner read. Families can help out at home, by listening to your child read everyday and sign the read & response sheets.



Reading Tutoring



We started SFA tutoring during the school day with Ms Shana and in 2nd quarter we'll have after school tutoring with Ms Hiatt.



GAT & CLASS COUNCIL

Our Getting Along Together (GAT) school wide program teaches students how to work in cooperative teams so they can practice problem solving and conflict resolution. Students learn how to focus their thinking, manage behaviors, build positive relationships, work effectively, and understand and deal with feelings, which are skills that support academic and life success. In Class Council, which is held every Friday, students have a voice to share reflections on things that are working in their class, share concerns, and set weekly goals. Class Council also celebrates the weekly Cool Kid, by sharing compliments about the highlighted student of the week. In some of our classes, our Cool Kids are leading the Class Council discussions with the help of the teacher guiding on the side.



Peek into SFA