

HAWKS

9/29-10/3

Another awesome week in the books! The Hawks Tribe is almost ready to set sail from Tahiti...and we've been doing lots of work to prepare! Students wrapped up their informative writing about Rapa Nui (Easter Island), New Zealand, or Hawaii, and then moved onto a persuasive letter about which island we should travel to. They also began their graphic novels, which will detail these adventures. To support our Wayfinding, we visited the De Anza Planetarium, where we learned about using the stars in the sky to map our journey! Using just the constellations, we sailed from Hawaii to Tahiti - and back!

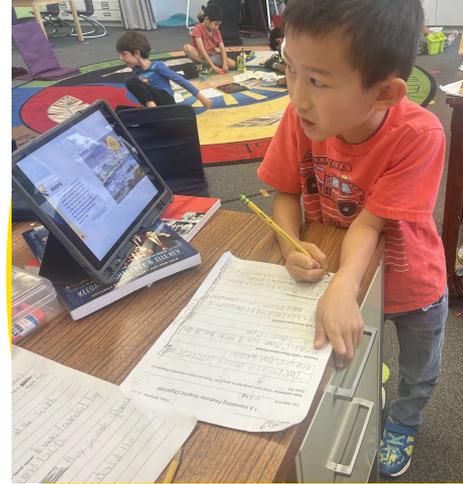


HAWKS

9/22-9/26

This week we donned our research hats! Working in pairs, students used digital books to learn more about plants and animals, geography, or interesting features about either Rapa Nui (Easter Island), New Zealand, or Hawaii. Together they wrote a 5-sentence paragraph about their findings, and they used the good-better-best method to work toward their final draft.

This research is the foundation for the persuasive writing we're now working on, arguing which of these three islands we, the Hawks Tribe, want to journey to. Stay tuned for what we decide!



HAWKS

9/15-9/19

This week we really honed in on the idea that “we are all crew.” Students filled out job applications where they matched their interests with their qualifications; they then received their roles on our outrigger canoe! We were so impressed with their enthusiasm.

With the end goal of writing a graphic novel about our journey, students also received Hawaiian names and began thinking “who am I?” about their character. We carved Lapita-inspired lottery to help us visualize our characters.



HAWKS

9/8-9/12

Raise your hand if
you're a tired Hawk!
Raise your hand if
camping was awesome!!

We had a great time at
OVY: campfire, s'mores,
beach, hike! Earlier this
week we learned about
sound, studied
Polynesian instruments
during theme, and we
even had a chance to
make our own
instruments!



HAWKS

9/2-9/5

This week we dove headfirst into our Wayfinders curriculum! We built background knowledge about Polynesian culture by learning about the language, trying some native and non-native foods, making leis, and more! Ask your Hawk what else they learned =)

We also had our first all-school community meeting; we'll be focusing on perspective - and all the different ones that make up our community - this month.



HAWKS

8/25-8/29

This week we started community meeting and specials - Hawks have music, library, mindful movement, garden, ilab, and PE. We took our MAP tests, and we also had our immersion today, where we were visited by Makalea, who taught us about hula and Polynesian history. Students are excited for Wayfinders!



HAWKS

8/19-8/22

We had an amazing first week! Hawks were busy getting to know their classroom, each other, their teachers, and jumping headfirst into creating a warm and welcoming class culture for the year.

