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**Keiki Corner: January 2023**

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**Keiki RESOLUTIONS**

It’s that time of year where we all make resolutions, and this year, why not use this time to set some easy and realistic goals with your child?

When it comes to reading and writing, I believe that you can never over-praise. Especially in the beginning when they are learning the foundation.  It’s difficult and we want keiki to know that they are supported. For your young reader and/or writer, I suggest several goals/activities depending on the student’s skill level.

1.     One chapter book a week.  Have your child write down the main idea of each chapter they read and keep it in a fun notebook that the child gets to pick out at the store.

2.     Have your child read a short story to an adult each day or night. If they are in kindergarten-2nd grade, have them pick out or write down “vowel pairs,” that they read in each book. Be a “vowel pair detective” and find five words in a book each day.

Etc.  p**ai**l, h**ea**t, ab**ou**t, b**oa**t, s**ee**d.  These are difficult words to spell for many children ages 5-10.

3.     Have your child be a “syllable detective.” Have the older student read a chapter book and write down all the words they find with four syllables.  Adjust the goals to the child’s needs. If your student is younger, have them write down five words that have one, two or even three syllables in each book that they read.

4.     After reading a book, write the title of the book down, have your child try to make three-ten of their own words with letters from the title.  How many words can they make?

Get creative and make it fun!  Use your child’s interests to help get them reading, and to more importantly, get them *excited* about reading and writing. At the end of the month, go over the resolutions together as a family. Set new goals or adjust the ones that you had already made. Make each other accountable and praise your child for completing their goals or at least for trying something new!

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