

January 7, 2020

Dear First-Grade 'Ohana,

Welcome to the 2020 Spring Semester! I hope your Winter Breaks were restful and enjoyable. Thank you all so much for attending the Exhibition in December. I loved watching how proud the students were to show you their projects, and their smiling faces with your appreciation and encouragement.

January and February are two of my favorite months of the school year because it seems like this is a peak time for student focus and performance. One of the ways I would like to capitalize on this learning time is for the students to work on an extension of a presentation they were given by Kihei Charter High School student Ashley Rodriguez in December.

Ashley did a project on the idea of upcycling to recycle, and brainstormed with the children ways that they could incorporate this concept into their lives. I will be discussing this concept with them further this week and brainstorming ideas in class. I would also like them to do an upcycle project at home due back to school on or before **Friday, January 31**. They should be prepared to share their project with the class.

Attached to this letter are two ideas and links to other upcycle ideas. The students are welcome to choose something from this list or come up with their own original ideas. Mahalo for your kokua, and please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions.

Aloha,

Ms. Emily