

**Hanahau'oli** is dedicated to **educational excellence** by making learning exciting, challenging and enjoyable.

It **validates childhood** and the way children learn as a foundation for **life-long learning**. Hanahau'oli is committed to **learning by doing**.

It integrates the essential skills and concepts of the basic disciplines. It promotes *critical and creative thinking*, and emphasizes the important role of the arts as an *expression of self and culture*.

The learning environment also integrates school life with the **home and world**, and encourages partnerships within the **community**.

The **Hanahau'oli child** develops as a unique individual, with a deep sense of **groundedness**, demonstrated by a **respect** and **responsibility to self and others**, within a diverse and global society.



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## **OUR BELIEFS**

The family is the first, and foremost educator of children; the school seeks to create a close connection between home and school and expects direct parent involvement in a child's school experience.

Children construct meaning by interacting directly with their world: therefore, school experiences should build on this natural way of learning.

Children demonstrate different strengths and develop at different rates: therefore, flexibility and differentiated expectations characterize a good learning environment.

Real-life problems and situations offer the best means for developing useful skills and understandings.

Hanahau'oli's program addresses the cognitive, socio-emotional and physical development of each child.

The school seeks to reflect the diversity of the larger society and is a suitable setting in which to teach children to become productive members of democratic communities.

Hanahau'oli seeks to provide an excellent education for its own children and can serve as a model and source of innovation for other schools.