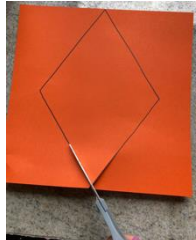


Lupe (Kite) Exploration

Lupe (Kites) were used throughout Polynesia to propel rafts, transport goods, and to perpetuate stories. Traditionally made with kapa or lauhala, they were most popularly used to determine wind direction and for play. Decorate a paper lupe (kite) with various art medium. There are no creative or imaginary limits!



Draw a diamond



Cut along the lines



Decorate



Place the chopsticks into a "t" shape. Tie it together with string or yarn.



Tape the chopstick to the undecorated side of the kite.



Secure the yarn or string to the back of the kite.

Materials: paper, chopsticks, string or yarn, tape, glue, scissors, various art medium

Learning Objectives

Creative Expression: Provide paints, pastels, textured items, and different types of paper aid to spark creativity and imagination. Show how art medium can be used.

Physical Science and Weather: Wind can be observed by looking at the environment around us: leaves flying, utensils moving at a picnic, sand blowing at the beach. It can also be felt when our bodies feel bursts of cool or warm air. Flying the kite indicates wind direction.

Scientific Inquiry: Think about what the kite looked like when it was flying. Sit outside and look for wind presence. Share and discuss observations.

Cultural Understanding and Literature: Stories are a bridge between experiences. Using contextual and visual clues, ask for observations and details. Introduce the Hawaiian names of the winds in the community.

Books

Hi'iaka Battles The Wind, Gabrielle Ahulii
Maui Slows the Sun, Gabrielle Ahulii
Kite Day, Will Hillenbrand
Wind, Carol Thompson
Stuck, Oliver Jeffers

Hāmākua Wind Names

A'e: tradewinds
A'eloa: gentle tradewinds

Waimea Wind Names

Kīpu'upu'u: chilly wind
Kolo'āpu'upu'u: wind accompanied with rain

Mele

*Mele Kaapuni No Keawe Ku I Ka Moku, Kamaka Kukona
Ka Makani, Kyle Lindinha*

Ka Makani

Kyle Lindinha

Ka makani, ka makani
My windy friend
I can't see you, but I feel you all around me
Ka makani ka makani
Here's my kite
You can take it to the highest height from left or right
Ka makani, ka makani
Blow the clouds away
We want sunshine and only sunshine. We want to play
Ka makani, ka makani
It's time to go
Ka makani, ka makani