Coordinator’s Comments

Evaluation is a useful tool in helping keep the HIPPY program current with research trends and what children need for school success. It is also in the best interests of children and families in helping identify areas where your child may be succeeding or need additional support.

Thirty seven children enrolled in the age 4 Hawaii HIPPY programs were administered the Get Ready to Read! Screening Instrument during Fall 2007 and Spring 2008. Data was also collected from all enrolled families at the end of the year on volunteerism and parental involvement.

Findings from the evaluation, prepared by the University of South Florida, show that 70% of parents have increased their knowledge and use of teaching skills with their HIPPY child. More than 50% of the surveyed parents reported they had participated in volunteer activities. These are just a couple of highlighted findings from the report. If you are interested in a copy of the report or would like to discuss further please contact me, HIPPY Coordinator, Shannon Ramirez at 938-5004.

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Dramatic Play
Engaging in pretend play or acting out a scenario

Imagination
Creating in one’s mind new images and thinking of new ideas and ways to do things.