Have you ever thought of being a journalist? Well there are many things that a journalist does. Journalists have to take pictures, conduct interviews, and write articles for newspapers and magazines. In room 201, you will find the Little Journalists doing all these things. Every morning, the students look at the agenda for the day, get into groups, study the topics, plan pages, take photos, and write articles.

The Little Journalists is a special class for anybody who does not like writing, because they will start to appreciate it especially when reporting on a story. It is fun to write about what you learned.

Tyler, a Little Journalist, said that he loves the class activities and likes the other staff members. Reese, another Little Journalist, said that he likes to write the news every week and that his classmates are good kids.

The title of this year’s newsletter, “The Weekly Obsession,” came off a radio station name that one of the journalists liked. The class selected this name because they are committed, even obsessed with sharing stories.

So if you like doing any of these activities, then Little Journalists is for you. There is so much to do that you will never be bored in this class.
Meet the Little Journalists

Rene loves to sing, dance, and play tennis. She gets very excited when she gets to go on a trip. She is interested in learning about animals because she likes learning about how they act in different situations. She is also excited to see cousins that she has not seen in 6 years. Her favorite thing to do when she’s not in school is watch TV.

-by Cassidy Bramlett

Sarah likes to go on her phone, hangout with friends, and figure skate. Sarah gets really excited when she sees cats. What she cannot wait for is to take Yearbook class and meet new people. She loves history because it teaches and reminds us about the past. She works best in a class that is well organized. One day, she hopes to learn how to play tennis.

-by Jayan “JJ” Carvalho

Jayan (JJ) loves and enjoys to raise animals. Her favorite animal is a brown horse. JJ raises pigs at her home and is involved in the 4H program which teaches her about animals and helps her manage her money. Apart from taking care of animals, JJ likes to play the piano and ride her bike. Her favorite book is *Wonder* by R.J. Palacio and she hopes that this summer program will be exciting.

-by Sarah Taniguchi

Tyler loves to do a lot of things like playing sports to reading his favorite book. He likes to watch games where the pressure gets to the players, so they make a mistake and the other team wins because of it. One thing he wants to learn is how to make machines. He hopes the summer program will be active. He looks forward to seeing his uncle in Las Vegas, NV.

-by Reese Akana

Lucas is very active and likes to play sports, specifically football. Even though he is active, he likes to play video games in his free time. He likes to learn about math the most out of all the other school subjects. One of his favorite things he did in 2018 was to go to New Zealand. One thing he wants to learn is to write/type faster. He hopes that this summer program will be productive and fun.

-by Tyler Lee-Kobashigawa

Reese loves to play baseball and basketball and go to his friend’s house. Reese can barely wait to go to San Diego for a baseball tournament that he hopes to win. Reese also hopes that this summer program will be better than school because his school is kind of boring. Reese really wants to learn how to write better and how to put more detail in his writing.

-by Lucas Ordonez

Cassidy loves drawing, reading, and body boarding. She also loves to learn about sea animals. Alternative Rock concerts make her really excited. Her favorite thing to do when she is out of school is draw. Earlier this year, Cassidy made her first animation. Cassidy wants to learn how to skateboard. She hopes this summer program will be fun. She works best in a quiet and peaceful classroom.

-by Rene Yoshimura
Hawai‘i Nature Study: Researchers
by Cassidy Bramlett and Rene Yoshimura

The Hawai‘i Nature Study: Researchers class is taught by Ms. Le‘a Kimura. Ms. Kimura is teaching her students about native plants and animals. Her students are 6th-8th graders. “This class is an ahupua‘a approach to teaching kids how to research nature. We observe what is around us and try to take a more native approach to plants, insects, small animals, and the ocean,” explained Ms. Kimura.

The researchers will be going on many field trips this summer. Some of the locations include the aquarium, zoo, insect lab, tide pools, and the campus around us. On Thursday, June 14, Ms. Kimura took her class to the Plant Tissue Lab where they learned about plants.

The day before their field trip, we interviewed Ms. Kimura and a few students about the class. We asked Ms. Kimura if the students will collaborate with any other classes. Ms. Kimura hopes her class can teach the younger students in the summer program about what they are learning, so the everyone can learn something new. When asked about about the first week of school, a student replied, “Even though we have to take notes, it is not that bad. I would probably take this class again.”

Overall, the students seem pretty excited about the upcoming research adventures - one of them involves experiments with plants and soil.
Creator Space is a mixed media studio art class hosted in the morning session by Ms. Fujii and Miss Tyra in room 122. The class is made up of first and second graders who will discover, explore, and create original art pieces using multiple forms of media each week.

Creator Space will focus on teaching students the elements of design using paper media, paints, crayons, pastels, natural elements, and household materials. Students in this class will be encouraged to push their imaginations and creativity to make one-of-a-kind art pieces. Some projects include origami collages, eggshell planters, texture rubbings, small-scale sculptures, and weavings. Students will get to think outside the box and be inspired by each other, their interests, and their surroundings and be encouraged to try new things that they have never done before. This class is special and unique because their projects are created involving group members and collaboration.

Creator Space student, Sena Tolessa, said, “I want to take this class because I want to play and help my friends.” She enjoys learning crafts with her friends, so she is excited for this class. Sena also made a red, blue, green paper towel snowflake. Another student Teddy Zimmer said, “I like this class because I get to make a lot of cool stuff, like notebooks.” Apart from crafts and learning Wante Sun likes her teacher, “Ms. Fujii is nice and not strict.” Ms. Fujii gave us an honest answer of why she chose to teach this class, she had said, “I don’t do STEM stuff and I love to do art, I enjoy getting paid to teach something that is fun.” Ms. Fujii and Miss Tyra enjoy their students so far.

The first week, sketchbooks will be set up and design elements will be discussed, this will be essential so students can understand the basics and have a shared vocabulary. By the end of the week, Ms. Fujii hopes to begin working on watercolor snowflake collages, and Borax crystals soon.
Drama class is taught by Mr. Troy in the Band Room. Mr. Troy has many reasons for teaching the class. First of all, when he was younger, he had a great drama teacher. He also feels that he is good at acting and he really enjoys watching the kids learn.

In Mr. Troy's class, he teaches students first to overcome stage fright and try to stand still in front of a crowd without moving their feet or hands. Then he teaches them about performances and the necessary skills for acting. During class time, Mr. Troy gives his students assignments. Then they rehearse and perform.

The students say they really like the class. A lot of them said that they have a lot of fun and learn all kinds of drama skills. One student said, “I did this class last year, I love it!”

Some additional information is that they do warm-ups on different plays and then present it to the rest of the class to get the feel of what you have to do in a real play.

Although we do not know what final performance they will do at the end of the program, we are sure the students in the class will have a good time preparing for it.

Interview with Mr. Troy

Q: What do you teach in general?
A: Beginning Acting and Drama.

Q: What do you enjoy as a drama teacher?
A: Watching the students gaining their confidence.

Q: Do you enjoy being a teacher?
A: Yes, it’s fun and a pleasure.

Interview with some students

Q: What do you do in this class?
A: Warmups, vocal exercises, and practice scenes.

Q: What made you join this class?
A: I have been in drama for a long time.

Q: What do you learn this week?
A: How to overcome stage fright.

Q: What do you most enjoy about the class?
A: Working with other classmates and seeing how they perform.