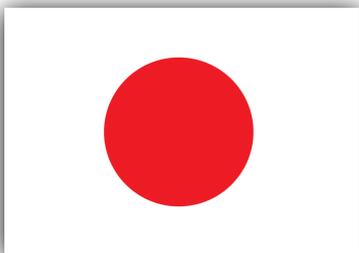


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Polihale believes that English instruction is not just about teaching English vocabulary. Children come to class with a lot more on their minds than adults realize. Polihale understands the child's feelings from the way they behave when they enter the classroom, the way they respond to greetings and their facial expressions. We strive to maximize the child's own abilities within the short lesson time.



Motto: No Child Left Behind.



Rumi's comment:

I have been teaching children English for 25 years. My journey started 25 years ago when I found Little America. I really wanted to become an English teacher, so I decided to invest in myself and take the training course. Looking back, it was the best decision I've ever made. But the world has changed in these 25 years. Today, many children struggle and cannot go to school. Some of those children keep coming to my class and tell me, "English is fun!" This makes me very happy. I want to be a "trusted adult" for all my students and always stay close to them. This award was a big surprise, but it gives me confidence. I will keep doing my best and tell them that English is a tool that opens many doors for their future. Thank you very much.

Helene's comment:
Rumi is a natural teacher as her warmth and enthusiasm are reflected back to her through her loyal students' eyes. She helped me as a volunteer with our 3-year English pilot program at a local public elementary school. She has raised her sons bilingually and has created a beautiful school in Onojo. She is a true treasure to her community.



Polihale is a beautiful beach located on the west coast of Kauai. Its name in Hawaiian means "Source of life" or "place of creation".

