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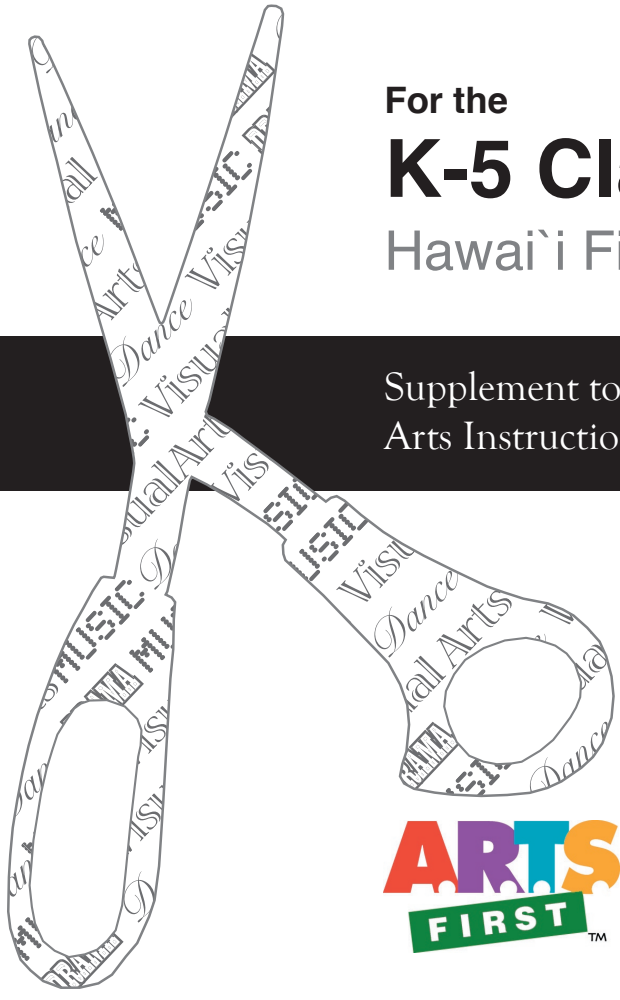

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Aloha,

The *Essential Arts Toolkit for the K-5 Classroom Teacher (2nd Edition)*, a supplement to the Hawai'i Department of Education's Arts Instructional Guide provides teachers tools to facilitate their students' achievement of the Hawai'i Content and Performance Standards III (HCPS III). At each grade, the *Arts Toolkit* provides framework charts to link the arts to other core areas, sample lessons, assessment tasks, instructional strategies, and resources. Teachers are encouraged to integrate key arts concepts with other content areas.

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The *Arts Toolkit* is a valued resource to guide teachers in overtly addressing the fine arts standards, and preparing our students to successfully meet the challenges of the 21st century.

Very truly yours,

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