

**He Mala****Student Reading #1****Pu'u Kuala, The Sweet Potato Hill of Ha'eha'eku**

Long ago in ancient Moloka'i, there lived an ugly giant. His name was Ha'eha'eku, and his home was in Waikolu.

There was no food in Nininiwai and the people were starving. Children, parents and grandparents cried because there was no food.

Ha'eha'eku had a great aloha for the people, so he planted a huge sweet potato field at Nininiwai.

When the sweet potato was ready to be harvested, he dug them out of the ground and piled them into a tall, large heap.

He told the people to take as many potatoes as they needed. He commanded them to share the potatoes with everyone who asked for food.

The people of Nininiwai became greedy. They would only give potatoes to people who gave them something first.

Ha'eha'eku was very angry when he saw what the people of Nininiwai were doing. He walked to his pile of sweet potatoes and cursed it.

It became a dirt hill and no one could eat it. Pu'u Kuala, or Potato Hill, still stands today.

Story retold by the late John Ka'imikaua

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