Ka Heihei o Nā Keiki is a Hawaiian name for the constellation Orion. It resembles the mnemonic Hawaiian string game that children would play to memorize names and stories. Ka Heihei O Nā Keiki is a useful constellation to find direct east and west. The star Mintaka within the middle of the belt, rises direct east and sets direct west. Next time you visit Pacific Hall, check out the Activity Center to play the string game on the first floor.

Hawaiian Lunar Month:
“There were 360 days in a year. Ka po’e kahiako counted 30 days in each month of the 12 months of the year. There were 17 nights that were counted in groups and 12 counted separately, according to the phases of the moon.”

Samuel Mānaiakalani Kamakau Kamakai, 1870

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