



# Valley Quail Newsletter

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## General Information

Wow! Check out the dates to remember! Things are getting busy AND fun! See page two for more detailed information.

### Wish List Items

Parents to help with pumpkin and squash 'activities' AND the pumpkins and squash to go **with** the activities!

Also, parents to help out with our Mini-Continent Party, Friday the 29th from 12:00 until 2:00. If you would like to come and help the kids have fun, it would be great if you could come at 11:30 so that I could let you know what you will be helping with.

## Dates to Remember

October 24th

CAC Meeting 5:30 p.m.

October 25th

Parent Volunteer Training 5:00 p.m.

October 26th

No School

October 28th

Free Dress and Mini-Continent Party

October 29th

Harvest Festival 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

October 30th

Reptile Show (see page two for details)

## Curriculum and Instructions

We did not get to our pumpkin and squash dissections and comparisons because we only got a couple of pumpkins and squashes donated. I am hoping to do these activities next week, depending on supplies coming in. Please e-mail me if you know that you can donate.

I have observed a lot of growth these past few weeks in terms of language. For those working on letter sounds, I have noticed their increasing knowledge, while others are busy spelling and writing words, and reading books! It is really exciting!

Our study of the continent of Antarctica will draw to a close with our Mini-Continent Party on Friday. We made a list of what we wanted to know about Antarctica and are busy finding the answers.



## Miscellaneous

### Antarctica Mini-Continent Party

We need a parent volunteer for each of the following activities:

- Blubber and feather gloves (see what it feels like to have your hand immersed in icy, cold water when you are a creature who is covered in feathers or has a layer of blubber on your body)
  - Fresh water vs. salt water - which melts ice more quickly
    - Snow play
    - Penguin sounds game

As mentioned earlier, if you can come in at 11:30 to get instructions, that would be preferable.

### Reptile Show

*For me, the Reptile Show is better than my favorite holiday! I am so excited to meet those who can attend on Sunday, Oct. 30th at the Sacramento Convention Center and explore all of the fabulous creatures that will be there. I will be outside at the entrance of the show at 12:00 if you would like to meet up with me.*

*Children 5 and under are FREE!*

*Check out the website - [upscalereptiles.com](http://upscalereptiles.com)*

*There will be scheduled speakers (e.g., "Wild Things" with Izod the alligator, care of the leopard gecko, etc.), care sheets for animals, and of course exotic animals!*

### October 25th Parent Meeting

Ms. Sierra and I would like to offer the chance for you to attend a brief parent volunteer orientation on how to help in the classroom. This will be followed by a discussion about fun ways to support your child academically at home. Please bring ideas - we have some great ones to share with you.

