



Valley Quail Newsletter

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General Information

I am so grateful for having clean job rugs every week, enough torn blue and brown paper to have the entire class do their collage job, brown clay to build an island with, not to mention classroom money due to the generous contributions made through the tie dye fundraiser!

Wish List Items

Fun items to collage. This includes buttons, scraps of string, yarn, tissue paper - anything that can be glued down and as much or little as you are willing to part with.

Leaves - giant ones or interesting ones!

Dates to Remember

September 20th
Fundraising Meeting
6:30 p.m.

September 21st
International Day of Peace
Whole School Celebration

September 23rd
Middle School Recycling
Please bring in your recycling to benefit the 7th and 8th grade fundraising

September 23rd
Minimum Day - 11:45 Dismissal

Curriculum and Instructions

This week, we launched into botany. I introduced parts of the plant and now we will be studying parts of the leaf. This is always a favorite lesson and experience for the kids since they are already so naturally drawn to leaves. As mentioned above in wish list items, if you have a leaf your child can bring in that is somehow unique (e.g., a huge elephant ear leaf, spectacular fern, etc.) please send it on it. We have wonderful materials in the classroom to study leaves, however the best lessons come from the great outdoors!

Rachel and I will also begin our formal language lessons with the children now that they have all been assessed. I have broken them down into small groups that will allow us to teach letter sounds to children who have similar needs. When mastery of letter sounds has been achieved, we will begin our 'word building' lessons, gearing them up for writing and reading. It is exciting to be diving into this with them!



Miscellaneous

Nothing at this time!

