



Valley Quail Newsletter

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General Information

Please see the attachments in this week's newsletter, as well as page two. You really do want to see page two!
ALSO, please see a special flier on page three!

Wish List Items

A few parent volunteers to help out at the Bat Lady in-house field trip!
If interested, e-mail me! I will take volunteers on a first come, first serve basis.

Dates to Remember

October 1st– 2nd
Family Field Trip to Hoes Down!

October 7th
In-house field trip
- Bat Lady -

Every Friday
Middle School Recycling
Please bring in your recycling to benefit the 7th and 8th grade fundraising

Curriculum and Instructions

We spent time this week talking about our differences, now that we have been able to bond with our similarities. One thing that we observed was our beautiful skin! No two are alike! So cool. Again, I urge you to check out Sonnie McFarland's Honoring the Light of the Child. I have two copies and you may borrow one! Her peace lessons are amazing.

We will begin our study of fish this coming week. Our class pet, Fineas, will serve as a fine specimen to observe and study.

We are tossing a visit from some amazing mammal friends in on Friday. The Bat Lady is coming with her rescued bats to show the children. They not only get to see them up close, but will be able to see them eat. It is such a treat!



Miscellaneous

Congratulations are in order!

Ms. Rachel is expecting a baby this coming April! I, for one, am so excited for her! As parents, I know you will be too! Children are life's greatest gifts by far. If you are wondering how this will affect our classroom, no worries. We have many wonderful teachers who will be happy to be with us when Ms. Rachel is off with her new baby. It will be difficult to choose from the list and Ms. Bernie and I will choose keeping in mind what is best for the students.

Bat Lady Field Trip

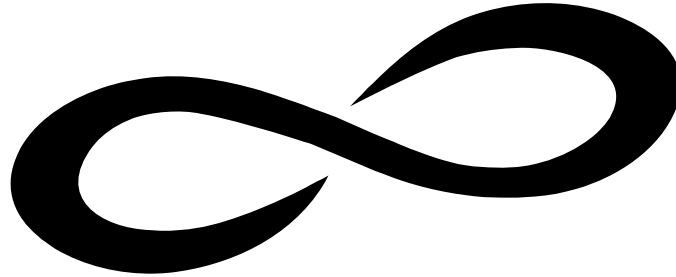
If you would like to help the children enjoy their in-house field trip with the Bat Lady and her wonderful bats, please let me know. It's an experience you will not forget!

Encouraging Good Manners

One responsibility of being the Person of the Week is to provide snack for the entire class. This is a lot of work, time, and resources for each family. More importantly, this is something that is very exciting for that student. The sharing of and providing of food is certainly a great way to care for your friends. Some children have been wanting to eat their own snack instead of the one provided by Person of the Week. We have decided that during group snack, each child can decide whether or not to have the snack provided, or to decline snack altogether. This is a decision made in an effort to show respect for the families who have provided snack. There is opportunity for students to eat their own snack at recess if they decline our group snack. No one will go hungry! Hopefully, most children will be encouraged to step outside of their food comfort zone and try new things!



Kindergarten Garden
Magic Eight
Valley Quail & Golden Poppy Classrooms



We are so excited to be putting in Magic Eight gardens in the areas outside our classrooms.

The children will be able to use the garden not only as a place to explore nature, but walking the path allows them to develop concentration and coordination.

We are asking that each family to donate:

2 cinder blocks

2 concrete pavers (good for making a path)

1 four inch potted herb - chamomile, oregano, nasturtiums, mint, basil, lavender borage, lemon verbena, rosemary

Other items to be donated - 8 12 inch pots per classroom

3 bags of potting soil per classroom

We ask that all donations be turned in during your Parent/Teacher Conference.

Thank you! We are so excited to see this project come to life!