



# Valley Quail Newsletter

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## General Information

Parent volunteering is already in full swing! I have had job rugs washed, my room THOROUGHLY wiped down (it sparkled afterwards), Love Lights created for all of the children, preparing of a landform job, the class roster created ... whew! It's week four of school and I am already overwhelmed by your generosity.

### Wish List Items

Nothing at this time!

## Dates to Remember

### September 12th

Governing Board Meeting  
6:30 p.m. Carmichael

### September 13th

Room Parent Meeting  
6:00 p.m.

### Every Friday

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

## Curriculum and Instructions

This week, we will begin our study of landforms, specifically islands and lakes. The children will explore them through various jobs ... creating their own islands and lakes with water color and collage.

We are also beginning our peace lessons. I teach using Sonnie McFarland's book Honoring the Light of the Child. If you would like to take a look at it, please ask - I am happy to let others in on one of my best 'trade secrets'. We will be talking about our Love Lights - the light and love that is always within us, shining brightly when we feel good, dimmed when we do not. This light never goes out, it is always there. The lesson also teaches that we influence other's Love Lights and we discuss what we can do to help others shine, allowing us to shine even more brightly.

*"Establishing lasting peace is the work of education;  
all politics can do is keep us out of war." Dr. Maria Montessori*



## Miscellaneous

### Meet Our Team!

I left Back-to-School Night with a team of parents already in place to help organize the year and assist in everything running smoothly. Here they are:

Room Parent - Janae (Ava's mom)

Room Parent Support - Karen (Eli's mom)

Room Parent in charge of monthly calendar - Isabelle (Nana's mom)

Field Trip Coordinator - Isabelle (Nana's mom)

These are very important roles in our community and I thank each one of them for taking these tasks on!

### Correction

*At Back-to-School Night I handed out a list of events that will be happening throughout the year. I mistakenly said that our mini-continent parties would begin in September. However, in September, we will be studying the basics of land, water, air and that the land on the globe is divided into seven continents. In the month of October, we will begin to study each continent separately.*

### Person of the Week

Please check the classroom page for the details of Person of the Week. This week, I had the pleasure of being Person of the Week, next week it will be Ms. Rachel, then comes Lily, then Oliver. If you have any questions, please ask. Person of the Week will be posted on our classroom calendar as well. As requested, each child will be placed as close to their birthday (or 1/2 birthday for the summer people) as possible.

