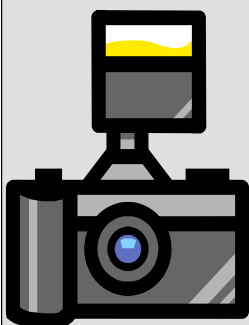


Happy Valley News

OCTOBER 2011

School Pictures are scheduled for Wednesday, Oct. 12th and Thursday, Oct. 13th. An envelope will soon be sent home and can be returned on or before picture day. If you would like a sibling's picture taken, please request an additional envelope in the office and have them taken when dropping your child off at Happy Valley. Make all checks payable to Life Touch. If your child does not regularly attend school on Wednesday or Thursday and you want a picture taken, please come on either day between the hours of 8:30 - 9:00 a.m. or 12:00 - 12:30 p.m.



Halloween Parade



Happy Valley's Halloween Parade is scheduled for Wed. Oct 26th and Thurs. Oct. 27th. Parents are welcome to attend our costume parade which begins at 9:00 a.m. (morning classes) and at 12:15 p.m. (afternoon classes). If you are interested in bringing a special snack for that day, a sign up sheet will be in each classroom beginning 10-10-11.

Please have your child wear their costume to school. After our parade, we will remove costumes so that children can manage the bathroom easier. Have your child bring extra clothes or wear them underneath their costumes.

Friday, October 28th is a staff in-service day. There will be no school for children. Please mark this on your calendars.

Scholastic Books

Thanks to everyone who ordered scholastic books last month. With bonus points earned, HV is able to obtain books & supplies for our classrooms. October's order is due on Fri. 10-14. Place orders in the box marked Scholastic in the front office. **Checks only please.**

Play Dates

Interested in setting up a play date with one of your child's classmates or want to have coffee with one of the parents? Please add your phone number in the classroom directory next to the sign out sheets in each classroom.

School Supplies

Thanks to everyone who sent in their supplies for the year. We appreciate it!

Label, Label, Label

Remember to label all jackets, gloves, and hats. Many coats look alike and children often times do not recognize their jackets. It would also be helpful if hats and gloves were put into the sleeve of your child's jacket when hanging them up in the classroom. Thank you for your help.



Firefighters Visit HV

A special thanks to the firefighters of station #8 for coming to HV and sharing their safety video and fire truck with the children. We had a great time learning about fire safety. Parents be sure and talk about an escape plan with your children and check your smoke alarms regularly. We have begun practicing our own fire drills at Happy Valley and will continue doing so monthly.

Pick Up

The last 10 minutes of our day is spent singing songs or playing games while we wait for parents. We would appreciate it if parents enter the classroom as soon as they arrive and take their child. This will help minimize the congestion in the building and parking lot. Please know you are not disturbing any "end of the day" activities. Thanks you for your help.

If your child has moved into a new classroom this school year & is having some difficulty adjusting, please know that this is normal. It takes children some time to get used to the new classroom, teachers, children and routines. Remember you are always welcome to visit your child's classroom and feel free to speak with their

BACKPACKS!!

Your child's backpack is the primary means in which Happy Valley sends important information to you, our parents. We need your help with the following:

- * Have your child bring their backpack every day they attend school.
- * Check your child's backpack every day for information being sent home and remove old artwork, newsletters, etc. to make room for new information.

- * Do not send toys or unneeded items in their backpacks.

- * Make sure backpack is large enough. (12"x14")

- * Please leave the laminated nametag provided by HV on the hanger of the backpack. This helps us to quickly identify them & saves a lot of time.

- * If a different backpack is brought to school, transfer the laminated nametag to the new one. We appreciate your help and hope this ensures all important information is received by parents.

Volunteers

If you would like to volunteer in your child's classroom, please sign up on the calendar next to the sign out sheets when picking your child up. No younger siblings please.

Face Book

Happy Valley is on Face Book! Get the latest information about classroom activities, upcoming events, and photographs. There is a direct link to Face Book from our web-