

October 17, 2025

Hello Room 16 Families,

Friday, October 31 - Halloween- We will be celebrating Halloween with our annual parade at 8:30 which parents are welcome to attend. Then, we will be celebrating with a classroom party after recess.

“As you and your child decide on a Halloween costume, please keep in mind that a costume needs to be comfortable and safe for walking. A child should not have his/her vision hampered in any way. In accordance with the CUSD’s Zero Tolerance policy, students may not bring any toy weapons as part of their costumes. Plastic swords, toy guns, and other weapons are not allowed. Please help your child choose a costume that supports our efforts to promote a positive and enjoyable celebration.

Some basic guidelines to remember.

- Costumes may not have parts that interfere with learning or interfere with the ability of a student to go to the bathroom by themselves. This means no masks or costumes that restrict movement or vision, prevent sitting at desks, or prevent participation in physical education class. Costumes must not obstruct movement inside and outside of the classrooms.
- Costumes may not promote violence or have accessories or props that could be used as a weapon.
- Masks or full face painting are not permitted. Students can have “limited” makeup.
- Costumes must not be too scary or inappropriate for the school environment.
- For safety reasons, skateboards, rollerblades or roller skates may not be part of a costume.

**\*Students do not need to wear a costume if they choose not to, but they will still walk with our class during the parade.**

### **Curriculum Update-**

**Reading:** We continue to work on our reading stamina books. We have worked on predictions, looking at character traits, and finished reading Stone Fox.

**Writing:** Students continue with their narrative writing pieces. We have been working at structures of sentences and discussing that all sentences have a subject and predicate.

**Math:** We have moved into Multiplication and understanding what factors mean, which is critical to building an understanding of multiplication. We started by reviewing groups and how multiplication is . Students are familiar with making arrays in addition, but we talked about arrays and how we can look at them in the lens of multiplication. Students will continue learning how to multiply with the factors 2 ,3 ,4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10.

We have also been working on our Spooky Halloween Hotel project and practicing many of our Math skills by completing different tasks.

**Science:** We focused on balanced and unbalanced forces by looking at situations to see if they are a push or a pull. Your child may have brought home their “Hopper Popper” which they all had fun launching in class. We did some bridge engineering by constructing bridges using our knowledge of forces to build a strong bridge that would support as many pennies as possible.

### **Direct Donation Drive!**

**Have you donated to our fabulous West Valley? If the answer is YES, then THANK YOU!**

**If you haven't had a chance yet, please consider...we are trying to raise as much money as possible so that we can continue to support the cool programs we offer here at West Valley. Does your child like art? Music? CLAB? Those amazing things are ALL supported by our amazing PTO. And so much more! All information can be found here: [WVPTO Direct Donation Give Now](#)**

### **Important Dates:**

**Thursday, October 23** - Early Dismissal Day @ 11:55 am

**Friday, October 24** - Staff Learning Day, No School for Students

**Thursday, October 30** - Community Gathering

**Friday, October 31** - Halloween Parade

**Tuesday, November 11** - Veteran's Day, No School