

Valley Cottage Elementary School Handbook



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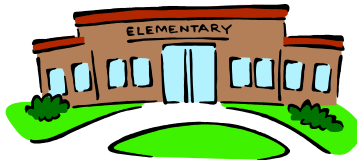
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MISSION STATEMENT

We envision an unbiased school community that appreciates and respects its rich diversity and prepares students to participate effectively in a rapidly-changing world. We will provide rich learning experiences that will foster strong academic achievement, cultural appreciation and ethical behavior for all students.





SCHOOL PROCEDURES

SCHOOL HOURS

- The hours of the school day are 8:50 a.m. to 3:20 p.m. Students should be in the building by 8:45 a.m.
- Kindergarten is full day.
- Children can be dropped off at school no earlier than 8:00 a.m. The doors will be locked prior to 8:00 a.m.
- Upon arriving at school all students are to report directly to the cafeteria for “Morning Program.” This is a daily coming together of students to discuss topics, sing songs, showcase student performance, and celebrate special occasions. Following “Morning Program,” students are escorted to their classrooms by staff members.

ABSENCES, ILLNESS, TARDINESS

Absences

- It is important that each child attends school each day. One of the most critical factors in student achievement is time-on-task. This cannot be attained if a student is out of school for any reason other than illness. This deprives your child of important learning time and may foster poor learning habits. Avoid family vacations that interrupt the school year. They are illegal absences.
- **When a child must be absent from school, parents are required to notify the school nurse that day. The phone number is (845) 353-7290.** Please state child's name, teacher's name and the reason for the absence. If a child is absent and we do not receive a call, we will contact you. We want to be sure that your child is safe at home.
- If you know in advance that your child will not be in school for any reason (illness, family matters, etc.), please advise the office, in addition to informing the teacher.

Illness

- If your child has a contagious illness such as strep throat, lice or chicken pox, keep your child at home and inform our school nurse of the nature of the illness. It is legally required that a doctor's note be brought to school if your child has been diagnosed with a contagious disease.
- If your child becomes ill during school hours, you will be notified and requested to pick up your child as soon as possible. The child will be removed from class and will be seated in the nurse's office until your arrival.

Tardiness

- Children are expected to be on time every day so that they make take full advantage of instructional time. This also teaches children good work habits and allows the instructional day to flow smoothly for everyone. Tardiness is disruptive to the teaching process and deprives your child of learning time.
- Children are marked late if they arrive after 8:50 a.m. If your child will be late, please call us and have him/her report to the main office upon arrival at school. A late pass will be issued by our school secretary.

ARRIVAL & DISMISSAL PROCEDURES



We at Valley Cottage Elementary work very hard to ensure a safe and efficient morning and afternoon drop-off and pick-up. Here are our procedures:

A.M. Car Drop-off

- This occurs between 8:00 and 8:45 a.m. **Children may not be dropped off earlier than 8:00 a.m. as the doors are locked and there is no supervision available before that time.**
- Vehicles should pull up to the side entrance doors.
- Children are to exit quickly on the curb side only. **Under no circumstances should children be allowed to exit vehicles from the passenger side.**
- Parents are asked to remain in their vehicles as students exit the vehicles.
- There is to be no **standing or waiting** in the drop-off line. People behind you are waiting and are all anxious to be on their way. Should you need to bring your child into the building, please park across the street and walk your child to the building. **At no time should cars be parked in the Fire Zone.**

P.M. Dismissal Procedures:

- Cars will be permitted into the parking lot, but car pick-up students will not be dismissed until after the walkers have left the school. It is anticipated that car pick-up students will be released by approximately 3:25 p.m. at which time all walkers should have left the school grounds. In the event that any walker remains on the school grounds after 3:25 p.m., they will be dismissed after car pick-ups have been completed.
- As has been a practice in the past, a NO LEFT HAND TURN policy will be in effect from 3:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. as you leave the school parking lot.
- Once the parking lot is full, it will be closed to incoming traffic and you will be asked to come back as the car pick-up process provides space for additional cars to enter the parking lot.
- A speed bump has been installed in our parking lot in order to make certain that everyone in our parking lot is provided with a safe environment. Please drive slowly.
- Please be reminded that the Nyack School District is **SMOKE FREE** and smoking anywhere on the school property is not permitted. This includes while you are in the school parking lot, whether you are in or out of your car.
- Thank you for your cooperation in maintaining a smoothly run and safe environment for our students.

Walkers

- Stay in two quiet lines
- Leave the school grounds in a safe and responsible manner

Car Riders

- Walk quietly to cafeteria
- Remain alert to staff supervising dismissal

Bus Riders

- Be alert for bus to be called
- Follow line quietly to bus

On the Bus

- Remain seated
- Keep aisle clear
- Obey driver
- Share your seat

Bus Information

- Students must live (1) mile or more away from school to receive busing.
- Bus routes and times are sent to parents during August. The mailing will state the bus number and the time and location of both pick up and drop off.
- **Parents of kindergarten children are required to meet their child at the bus at the end of the day. Kindergarten children will be brought back to school if no one is there to meet them at the bus stop.**
- Any questions pertaining to busing can be answered by the Director of Transportation in the Transportation Office (phone 845-353-7041). It is also a good idea to check with your neighbors who have children going to our school. They may be able to give you tips about bus arrivals and procedures.

Changes in Dismissal Routine

- ◆ If your child **IS NOT** going home in the usual manner, please notify the teacher/office in writing. If these changes occur after your child has already left for school, please call the office at 845-353-7280 before 2:00 p.m. to advise us of the change.
- ◆ Each child is to only ride his/her assigned bus and may not choose to ride a different bus to visit a friend. Please also instruct your child to get off only at his/her assigned stop and not at a friend's.

Other Pick-up Drop-off Times

- If dropping-off or picking-up your child during the course of the school, day, please **do not park in the FIRE LANE in front of the school.**
- ◆ Please find a vacant parking space and enter the Main Office for a late pass or to sign your child out.

EMERGENCY CLOSINGS/DELAYS

The decision to cancel school is based upon the District's regard for the safety of all students, walkers and those transported. In an unanticipated emergency, early school dismissal will be a measure of last resort and only if it is impossible to make other arrangements. Parents must have a plan of action to follow if schools must be closed early and no one is home. There are specific procedures for emergency closings. Our District uses ConnectEd, an automated phone system, to contact parents. Please be sure your Emergency Card is up to date so we know whom to contact at home and at work.

In the event of a 2 hour delay, school doors will be locked until 10:00 a.m. Students MAY NOT be left unattended prior to 10:00 a.m.

Families and staff will receive a phone call and announcements will be made via the following:

- ◆ **Internet:** log onto www.nyackschools.org or www.cancellations.com
- ◆ **Phone Message:** at the school and administration building
- ◆ **TV:** will appear on channels 2, 4, 5, 7, 12 across the bottom of the screen
- ◆ **Radio:** WVNJ (1160 AM), WFAS (1230 AM, 103.9 FM, 106.3 FM), WHUD (100.7 FM), WRGC (1300 AM)

VISITORS AND SECURITY

Parents and community members are encouraged to visit Valley Cottage Elementary School. However, in order to ensure the safety of the students and staff and to maintain an orderly school day, the following rules will apply to all visitors to the school:

- All visitors to the school must enter at the front entrance and sign in at the security desk. The visitor will be issued a visitor's badge that should be worn at all times while in the school or on the school grounds.
- Visitors to public functions in the building will not be required to sign in.
- Parents who wish to observe their child's classroom while school is in session should make arrangements with the teacher in advance. Other visitors who wish to observe or take a tour of the school are required to make an appointment with the principal.
- To prevent any interruption in the instructional day, individual meetings with teachers about a child's progress or other matters should be arranged in advance around the teacher's instructional day.
- No visitors are allowed on the playgrounds between 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. while school is in session.

PARKING

- There is a designated staff parking area for use by staff only for the time indicated on signs.
- At no time should a car be left unattended in the fire lane or car pick-up/drop-off line.
- PLEASE DO NOT PARK IN THE FIREHOUSE PARKING LOT DURING CONCERTS, FIELD TRIPS OR ASSEMBLY PROGRAMS. WE DO NOT WANT TO BLOCK VEHICLES IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY.
- Parking is also NOT permitted in the kidney dialysis center on the corner of Route 303 and Lake Road.
- Parking is available across the street from VCE on Margaret Court.

FOOD SERVICES

- Breakfast and lunch are available each day at school. The cost of breakfast is \$1.00 and lunch is \$2.35. Lunch menus are sent home monthly or may be viewed online (www.nyackschools.org)
- Milk is available at snack time for kindergarten and 1st grade students. The cost is \$.50 daily. Additional snack may also be purchased during lunch time.
- Applications for assistance in paying for lunch and breakfast are sent to all families. Applications must be filled out and returned to your child's teacher every school year. Additional applications are available in the Family Resource Center.
- You may pay in advance for breakfast or lunch or on the day of the meal. Money should be sent to school in a sealed envelope with the student's name and teacher.
- You may also pay in advance for all meals either by personal check made out to Nyack Public Schools, or online using the "MyPaymentsPlus" system. To manage your child's account online log on to www.mypaymentsplus.com. You will need a credit card or debit card to register. There is a 4.75% of the transaction amount for each deposit made. You will also need your child's student ID number, which can be obtained by calling the main office (353-7280).

RECESS

- Classes have recess for 20 minutes each day.
- Children either play outside (weather permitting) or have recess in their classrooms.
- We encourage our children to play outside year round, so please provide them with hats, gloves and warm coats in the winter months.
- Children will not go outside if it is raining, snowing, or the temperature is below freezing or if there are strong winds.

LOST AND FOUND

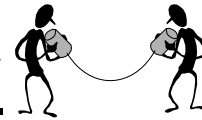
- Please always label or write your child's name on his/her clothing and belongings.
- Be sure to check the lost and found periodically for lost items. All unclaimed clothing will be donated to local agencies at various times throughout the school year.

FIELD TRIPS

- Field trips to nearby points of interest are scheduled by classroom teachers throughout the school year. These trips are designed to supplement and enrich various aspects of classroom instruction.
- Field trips are funded by the district, the PTA and parents. Parents will receive notices of field trips in advance and will be asked to sign field trip permission forms. At times, parent volunteers may be sought to help chaperone trips.
- Children must arrive at school on time for field trips and return to school with their class to ensure their safety.

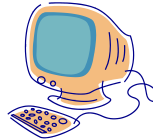


COMMUNICATION



School Calendar

- The school calendar, which is published by the Nyack Public School District, is a valuable source of information about events concerning your child and school.
- When you receive your copy, go through it thoroughly and mark off the special events which pertain to Valley Cottage Elementary School (our school is designated “VC”).
- Days shaded in gray indicate “No School.”
- Please make a special note of all half days, which are listed.



Voicemail, E-mail & Class Pages

- Children benefit greatly from close communication between home and school.
- If you need to leave a message for your child’s teacher (other than changes in dismissal), please call the voicemail system directly at (845) 353-7165.
- All teachers have a school e-mail which is checked on a regular basis. Your child’s teacher will provide you with their e-mail address at “Back to School Night.” You can also access their e-mail by going to their class page listed in the next bullet, and clicking *Class Pages*, then typing in the teacher’s name.
- Each teacher also has a class web page which can be accessed from the school’s main website (<http://vc.nyackschools.org>). Checking this page will allow parents to know what’s going on in their child’s classroom as well as school events.

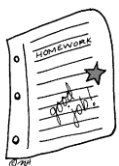
Back to School Night

- "Back to School Night" is an annual orientation meeting held in late September or early October. The exact date is found on the school calendar.
- The purpose of this meeting is to orient adult caregivers of VCE students to the various school programs and policies. Other issues discussed include class expectations, NY State Standards as well as class requirements and materials. This meeting also provides an opportunity for caregivers to meet VCE staff.
- Students and younger siblings are **not** encouraged to attend this meeting.

Parent/Teacher Conferences

- Conferences are scheduled twice a year, both during school hours and in the evening, at the end of the first and third quarters. Check the school calendar for specific dates and times. Teachers will also send letters home as the dates draw near.
- There are many benefits to attending your child’s conferences. During these meetings our purpose is to:
 - work together for the best outcome for every child
 - exchange information about each child
 - develop joint plans leading to student success
 - provide a school/home support team for each child

Homework Policy



- Homework is assigned to students in grades K-5. Homework is an integral part of your child's educational process. The assignment of homework serves two purposes:
 - 1) to practice and apply academic skills
 - 2) to develop responsibility and good study habits
- These are skills that will be essential to success in school. Parent support and supervision of homework is an extremely important factor toward building good study habits and personal responsibility.

Report Cards

- Report cards are distributed quarterly; generally in November, January, April and June. First and third-quarter report cards are distributed during parent/teacher conferences. Students will bring home their second and fourth quarter report cards in a sealed envelope. The report card envelope should be signed and returned to the teacher.

New York State & Local Assessments

- A variety of formal and informal assessments, including standardized tests, are employed to evaluate students' progress. We recognize that multiple measures provide a more comprehensive understanding of the child as a learner.
- We use assessment data to monitor students' progress, to identify students' strengths and areas in need of improvement, and to adjust instruction to address learning gaps.
- The following New York State assessments are administered to our third, fourth and fifth graders:
 - English-Language Arts (ELA)
 - Math
 - Science (4th grade only)

Local Assessments include:

- Primary Literacy Profile (K-2)
 - Teacher-designed tests
 - Common assessments
 - End of chapter tests
 - Running records
 - Performance-based assessments
- Assessments are ongoing. The data is analyzed and decisions made to adjust instructional practices to address students' needs.
 - We ask parental cooperation in not scheduling vacations, dental appointments, etc. during the time these assessments are scheduled.
 - All assessments have benchmarks (scores that indicate success). Students who score below the benchmarks must receive academic intervention services (AIS) or additional academic support as needed. Parents receive copies of the results of all the standardized and state assessments.

Promotion and Retention Policy

- Please read the District Policy Book for specific information about the parameters, calendar, regulations, and support plans for grade-level promotions and retentions.
- If you do not have a copy of the Policy Book, contact the Public Information Office (845-353- 7013) or access the book online at www.nyackschools.org

Notices

- Notices sent home with students contain important information about programs and activities taking place in the school and community. Please check your child’s book bag or “homework” folder regularly for these flyers.
- Weekly and monthly “updates” are also published by our PTA and Family Resource Center and are sent home with students.
- Information about our school and district events can also be accessed online at www.nyackschools.org or the school calendar sent home in the fall.

Library Media Center



- Your child will have library class at least once a week and will check out books one week and return them the next.
- Your child will develop a love of books and reading, learn how the library works and how to conduct basic research.
- Please see the Library website at <http://vc.nyackschools.org> and click on *Library Media Center* from the directory on the far left. This will take you to information about the library, our policies and procedures, and the library catalog, along with other research and websites that will assist your child in learning. You may access these sites from any computer with internet access.
- There is also a library class page where you can view what your child is learning in library.
- You can call the Librarian at 353-7295 with any questions you may have.

Summer Reading

- Studies show that students who read during the summer return to school with their reading skills fresh and ready to move into the next grade.
- The Nyack School District sends home a summer reading packet for grades 1-5 the third week in June with each student. The packet includes district information, suggested reading lists and book related activities to complete. The packet is turned in to the student’s new teacher in the fall.
- You may download the packet at the school’s website in June. It is also available at the Nyack and Valley Cottage public libraries in the summer months. Summer reading books are there as well.



Family Resource Center

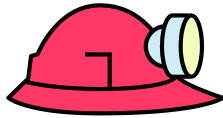


- Our Family Resource Center (FRC) provides numerous services to the school community (to access website go to: <http://vc.nyackschools.org>, click on Family Resource Center in the left-side column or call 845-353-7291).
- The purpose of the Family Resource Center is to join with families to build connections between school and community. FRC staff are available to listen, problem solve, and offer resources and enrichment to help children thrive. Some of the services provided by the FRC include:
 - Connections to school and community resources
 - Drop-in support
 - Family Fun evening programs
 - Give and Take Books
 - Health and Wellness programs and information
 - Kindergarten-readiness programs
 - Preschool Story Hour for Four-Year olds
 - Parenting workshops
 - Thursday evening hours at the Central Nyack Community Center

PTA (Parent/Teacher Association)

- We have a very active PTA that works hard to make Valley Cottage a better place to learn and grow for all of our children. We invite you to join them in making a difference.
- All PTA committees and activities are open to new members and fresh ideas. Committees can be co-chaired.
- PTA meetings take place once a month at 7:00 p.m. (usually on the 1st Monday of the month).





SAFETY

Safety and Behavioral Guidelines

- The safety and security of our students is a top priority for staff at Valley Cottage.
- All doors with outside entry access are locked after 9:00 a.m.
- Access to the building is through the main entrance only, using a buzzer system.
- A security guard is on duty during school hours.
- All school employees wear a photo-identification badge at all times.
- Volunteers and visitors must sign our guest book in the Main Office.
- In an effort to ensure safety we have a developmentally appropriate Code of Conduct. Students are expected to follow rules established for cafeteria, playground, bus and school. Students must be respectful at all times.
- We urge each parent to review the **Code of Conduct** with his/her child in order to fully understand our expectations and the consequences of unsafe and/or inappropriate behavior. The consequences for these behaviors may be “time-out thinking” time, a behavior form filled out by the student and signed by parent, a bus report and/or suspension of bus privileges, request for a parent meeting, a phone call or note to a child’s home, in-school suspension and out-of-school suspension.
- Bullying is not tolerated at Valley Cottage Elementary School. Our school motto is: “Bully Free at VCE.” The Nyack School District has adopted the Olweus Bullying Prevention program to address issues of bullying. For more information on this go to the district website and click on “Olweus Bullying Prevention Program.”

Basic Response Procedures

The following seven procedures are explained in detail in the District Wide Safety Plan, available on the district website, www.nyackschools.org.

- Emergency Closing Prior to School Opening
- “Emergency Go Home” Plan
- Sheltering Within School Building
- Evacuation—Other than Going Home
- Evacuation
- Lock Out
- Lock Down

Safety Rules

Safety rules apply while in school, waiting for the bus, walking to/from school and while on field trips.

Walking To and From School

- Walk the route to and from school with an adult, parent or guardian prior to the first day of classes.
- Always walk on the sidewalk when one is available.
- Stay alert and look around continuously to be aware of your surroundings.
- Always walk facing traffic.
- Always look left and right a few times before and while crossing the street to make sure no vehicles are approaching.
- Allow cars to pass before attempting to cross a street.
- Don't run between parked cars and buses.
- Wear light colored or bright colored clothing so you can be seen.
- Walk in groups.
- Always walk inside a crosswalk when one is available.
- Always obey and cross the road with the help of the crossing guard.
- Always respect private property.

Bus Safety Rules

- Driver's directions must be followed.
- Students must be seated at all times.
- Students are asked to speak quietly on the bus.
- Keep arms, hands, feet, or head inside the bus at all times.
- Proper language must be used when speaking to the driver or schoolmates.
- Food, drinks and gum are not to be eaten on the bus.
- Throwing objects around the bus or out of the windows is not permitted.
- Fighting, "play fighting," or physical attacks of any kind are not permitted.
- Students must not change seats during the bus ride unless directed to do so by the driver.
- The Principal has the authority to suspend a student's access to school bus transportation. This suspension will be for a specific period of time. Parents will be notified prior to the suspension.

Lunchroom Behavior

- Enter the lunchroom quietly.
- Sit where directed by lunchroom supervisors.
- Use social, "indoor" voices.
- Place all garbage in the trash can.
- Place all recyclables in the proper receptacles.
- Remain seated until you have permission to leave the cafeteria.
- Speak respectfully and kindly to each other.

Playground Rules

- Include everyone in playground games.
- Never place anyone (including yourself) in danger by your actions.
- Play without roughness (no pushing, fighting, kicking, tackling, pinching, spitting or play fighting).
- Show respect for playground supervisors and follow directions quickly.
- Leave rocks, bark, sticks, sand and other dangerous objects alone (ask an adult to remove dangerous objects).
- Take turns on the equipment and use it correctly (no twisting of swings, no climbing up the slides, etc).
- No swinging or jumping off high places.
- Show respect for each other (no bad language, picking fights, teasing, hurtful words or actions).
- Always be in sight of a playground supervisor.
- Hold tightly to rails when climbing playground structures.
- Never swing lunch bags and boxes or jackets.
- Line-up quickly and in an orderly, respectful manner when the whistle is blown.

Rules for School-Based Evening Events

- All students must be accompanied by an adult for the entire event. No drop-offs allowed.
- All students must be supervised by an accompanying adult for the duration of the event.
- No loitering or running in the hallways.
- Show respect for the event supervisors and follow instructions.
- Show respect and speak kindly to each other.

Dress Code

Dress your child according to the weather with coats, sweaters, boots and gloves when necessary. Dress your child so that he/she feels comfortable throughout the day and appropriately for the activities in which he/she will participate.

The Nyack School District dress code is as follows:

Student's dress, grooming and appearance shall:

- Be safe, appropriate and not disrupt or interfere with the educational process.
- Not include extremely brief garments such as short shorts, short skirts, midriff tops, tube tops, net tops, halter tops, spaghetti straps, plunging necklines (front/and or back), oversized tank tops, muscle T-shirts and see-through garments.
- Ensure that underwear is COMPLETELY COVERED with outer clothing.
- Include safe footwear at all time. NO FLIP-FLOPS.
- Sneakers should be worn for Physical Education classes.
- Not include the wearing of hats, grades K-8.
- Not include wearing bandanas and other headwear not included in #5 in school except for medical or religious purpose.
- Not include items that are vulgar, obscene, libelous, or denigrate others on account of race, color, religion, creed, national origin, gender, sexual orientation or disability.
- Not promote and/or endorse the use of alcohol, tobacco or illegal drugs and/or encourage other illegal or violent activities.

Internet Guidelines

- Our school is equipped with a computer lab and several computers in every classroom. Students use the lab at least once a week. The children can gain access to and use the Internet for school work when they are working in their classroom, the Computer Lab or the Library Media Center.
- Each child must have parental or guardian permission before she/he is allowed to use Internet services. Permission slips are sent home at the beginning of each year. Contact your child's teacher if you need a form.

Toys and Electronics

- *NO* toys, electronic devices, or trading cards are allowed in school. Any toys brought to school will be confiscated and returned to a parent or guardian only.
- Cell phones may not be used during the school day. Any phone turned on will be confiscated and a parent or guardian will be called to reclaim the phone.

***FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH SAFETY AND BEHAVIORAL GUIDELINES
WILL RESULT IN CONSEQUENCES AS PER THE NYACK SCHOOL
DISTRICT CODE OF CONDUCT***

The **Code of Conduct** is discussed with students in grades 3-5 at the beginning of the school year. It is available on the District website: www.nyackschools.org





MEDICAL INFORMATION

Emergency Information

- An emergency information sheet **must** be completed for each child each year. It must include the child's name, address, home phone number, **a number where we can reach the parent during the day** (e.g. work, cell, pager numbers) and the name and number of someone who will always be available to take your child home when you cannot be reached, should your child become ill at school.
- **Please let us know immediately of any change in phone number or address. If you leave a cell number as a contact, please make sure that it is turned on during the school day in case we need to contact you.**
- The emergency information sheet provides an opportunity for you to indicate allergies, asthma, any other special needs as well as your doctor's name and phone number.

Restrictions on Activity

- When a child is injured and his/her activities (gym or recess) need to be restricted, we must have a doctor's note stating the injury/illness, what the restrictions are and the length of time for the restriction.

Medication at School

- When a child needs medication during the school day, the following procedures are required (this includes prescriptions and over-the-counter medications):
 1. A note from both the doctor and the parent stating the diagnosis, the name and amount of the medication and the time it should be given.
 2. The medicine must be brought in by an adult. When you go to the pharmacy to get a prescription filled, ask the pharmacist to make up two (2) bottles. One with enough medication for the school nurse labeled "school use" and one labeled "home use."
Medicine cannot be given if it is not in a properly-labeled bottle.

School Physicals

- State law requires that all new entrants, as well as all students in grades K, 2 and 4, have a physical exam. Students who do not return the annual health certificate completed by their private doctors by October 1st will be examined by the school doctor.

Immunizations

- State law requires that all students attending school must meet the following immunization requirements:
 1. DPT (3 doses)
 2. Polio (3 doses)
 3. 2 doses of measles containing vaccine and 1 dose each of mumps and rubella (preferably as MMR)
 4. Hepatitis B (3 doses)
 5. Varicella (1 dose) required of children born on or after 1/1/1998, which must have been given after 1st birthday.

Any student who does not provide proof of immunization will not be permitted to attend class



Valley Cottage Elementary SCHOOL SONG

We are the kids from Valley Cottage,

We are the best at what we do.

*Faculty and principal, with their help we'll make it
through.*

Hip, hip, hooray for Valley Cottage,

We're growing stronger each day,

So give a great big cheer for the school of the year:

Valley Cottage USA!



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