

The Walden School February 2014

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Valentine's Day Parties



Here's how we do it at Walden School for Valentine's Day parties. Each child brings enough valentine cards for their classmates. Leave the envelope blank so that your child may pass out his/her own valentines. Below is a list of the numbers your child will need for the party. Our party will be Friday, February 14. Store purchased products may be brought in for the party. We are sorry, but no homemade goodies may be brought. The parties for Toddlers through Pre-k will be in the morning from 10:30 to 12:00. The party for Walden's private Kindergarten through 2nd grade will be from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.

K-2nd	14 cards
Pre- K 2	15cards
Pre-K 1	14 cards
Pre-school 1	20 cards
Pre-school 2	14 cards
Young 3's	18 cards
Toddler 1	15 cards
Infants	9 cards
Nursery	8 cards

Kindergarten Open House



Thurs., Feb. 20

If your child is currently in Pre- Kindergarten and you are interested in attending our Private Kindergarten, please join Mrs. Paula, and her NAEYC Accredited Kindergarten program. Come enjoy a stimulating open house and see the difference an accredited program can offer. The meeting is Thursday, Feb. 20, and will promptly begin at 6:00 p.m. and end at 6:45 p.m. We will be happy to provide child-care while you attend the meeting. Registration during February is limited to current Walden School students only.



Ballet classes will start back on Wednesday, February 12. Returning students, please pick up a ballet enrollment form at the office.

FEBRUARY ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

4	<i>K-2nd Library 1:15- 2:30</i>
12	<i>Early dismissal 12:00 Kindergarten & above.</i>
13	<i>Soccer -T-ball registrations are due at YMCA</i>
14	<i>Valentine's Day Party</i>
19	<i>Dental Hygienist visits</i>
20	<i>OPEN HOUSE! For 2014 Kindergarten</i>
28	<i>Go Texan Day!</i>

Soccer and T-Ball/Baseball

Dear Parents of Pre-K thru 2nd grade, It's time for another fun soccer and t-ball/season. To sign up you must go to the YMCA before February 13th. You must communicate with Mr. Mike by February 7th if your child will be participating.

- A yearly registration of \$30 is due for any non- YMCA member. Although, if you registered for sports in Fall 2013, you should not need to register again for Spring sports.
- Soccer \$70
- T-Ball \$60
- AFTER YOU HAVE SIGNED UP WITH THE YMCA. CHECK IN WITH MR. MIKE SO HE CAN MAKE SURE THE YMCA HAS YOUR CHILD ON THE ROSTER FOR WALDEN SCHOOL.

T-ball Pre-K and Kindergarten practice and games are on Saturdays at the YMCA. There is a 30 minute practice and a 30 minute game starting in March. First and Second grade soccer will have a weekly practice and games on Saturdays at the YMCA. Parent volunteers are necessary for Saturday practice and games. The season will end in May. A schedule will be forthcoming.



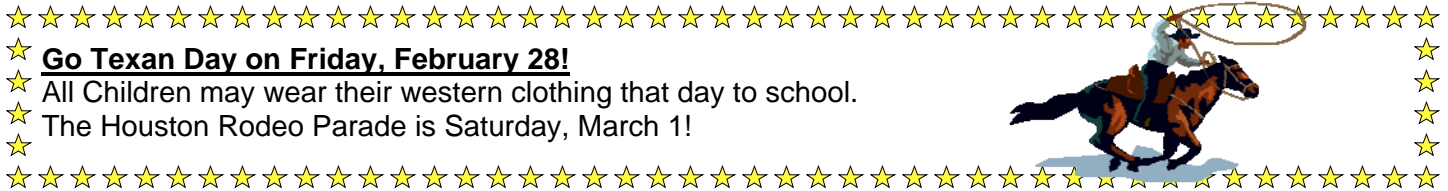
Dental Hygienist to Visit

February is Dental Health month, and to help our children learn about the importance of good dental hygiene, Nikki from Dr. Stamper's office, will be visiting on Wednesday, February 19th. Nikki will be in the following classrooms at these times:



- Pre-school 1 & 2 at 10:20
- Pre-Kindergarten 1 & 2 at 10:40
- Toddler & Young 3's at 10:00
- Kindergarten—2nd grades at 9:30.

Brush your teeth!



★ **Go Texan Day on Friday, February 28!**

★ All Children may wear their western clothing that day to school.

★ The Houston Rodeo Parade is Saturday, March 1!

Topics for February colors: red and pink, shapes: heart and Texas

Nursery and Infant Topics

Our Nursery and Infants students will be exploring textures by participating in various tactile experiences. Nursery will paint on Texas shaped cut-outs, play with pink cool whip, paint on heart-shaped cut-outs, and finger-paint. Infants will spend the month exploring different media like paint and crayons. They will explore shapes with activities using doilies, Texas shapes, horses, cows, boots, hearts, balloons and basic shapes. Textures will be explored with colors, stickers, contact paper, bubbles, sour cream, pink cool-whip, cottage cheese, beans, rice, oatmeal, and ice cubes. We will explore ball play, jumping, and balancing. Daily we continue to enjoy parachute play, balls, books, shapes and blocks.

Toddler Topics-BIG ANIMALS and SMALL ANIMALS

February is such a busy month! We will have the rodeo coming, Chinese, New Year, Valentine's Day, celebrate Black History Month, and let's not forget Dental Health Week. Toddlers will be introduced to many kinds of animals big and small. We will talk about the importance of dental hygiene. Our Valentine's Day party is Friday, February 14. Watch for the sign-up list for party items. Be sure to check your child's cubby daily. Please be sure your child has extra clothing and enough diapers daily. Toddlers will:

- Learn about cowboys and what they do.
- Learn about Rodeo and livestock. Study how livestock live.
- Talk about February holidays: Valentine's Day and President's Day.
- Work on pre-academic skills such as opposites (hard/soft, up/down, heavy/light) and learning animal sounds.
- Work on physical skills such as galloping like a horse and playing follow-the-leader, and fine motor skills like lacing and painting.

Young Threes Topics

Our February activities will include the fun holiday of Chinese New Year, Valentines Day, Black History Month, Dental Health, and Rodeo along with ranch life. Along with all these exciting subjects, we will also be exploring the many ways movement fills our life with a unit called "Let's Move." We will learn about how our bodies move, the different parts of our bodies, and how to play and move together using games, music, and literature as our learning tools. We will continue to explore different media in our art activities and fine motor skills. February IS a busy month!

PRE-SCHOOL—COMMUNITY HELPERS and DENTAL HEALTH

Preschoolers will learn about Valentine's Day, Black History Month, Chinese New Year, and talk about the careers of Dental Health workers and other community helpers this month. We look forward to the Tooth Fairy's visit, and we will create some "shadow" excitement talking about Ground Hog Day and seasonal change. We'll fill the first half of the month with hearts and Valentine expressions of love and friendship!

- We will begin writing letters H, T, and F on our own.
- Begin counting and recognizing the numbers 1-10.
- Remember to wear your Texas Proud Western clothes on Friday, February 28.

Pre-Kindergarten

Pre-Kindergarten will:

- Learn about February events like Chinese New Year, Valentine's Day, President's Day, Black History month, and Ground Hog Day. Delve into the world of Eric Carle.
- Work on pre-academic skills such as recognizing and counting numbers 1-30, numeration for numbers 11-20, ordering and mixing and separating colors.
- We will work on recognizing by sight and sound the letters V, and Y.
- Kick off our Rodeo/Texas topic with Go Texan Day, Friday, February 28.
- Begin story dramatization and dictation.

Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd Grades

100 Day will be celebrated on Tuesday, February 11, 2014. The day will be filled with math activities involving the number 100. Be sure to take a look at the Hall of 100! Activities this month will include our library field trip on Tuesday, February 4. We will have an early dismissal on Wednesday, February 12, at 12:00 noon. Along with Valentine's Day parties on February 14, (our party will be from 1:30 to 2:30), we will also be learning about Black History month, Chinese New Year, Africa, Dental Health, President's Day, our Houston Rodeo with art and craft activities and cultural projects to help understand more about each event and it's importance.