



March 2018 Activities

2nd — Walden School Spirit Day and NAEYC Accreditation celebration! Wear your Walden T-shirt.



3rd— Sugar Land Kite Festival 10:00—2:00 at Brazos River Park.

8th—Fall Registration for current families ends.



11th— Daylight savings time begins.

12th—16th: Spring Break for Kindergarten and Above. Check out our activities for all school-agers below.

29th—Easter Egg Hunt and Party



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6:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.



Congratulations Walden Teachers and Families on a Successful NAEYC Accreditation!

After a years long process of preparation and a two day onsite validator visitation, we are happy to announce that The Walden School passed its NAEYC accreditation once again! There are ten standards used to rate criteria. These standards are: Relationships, Curriculum, Teaching, Assessment of Child Progress, Health, Teachers, Families, Community Relationships, Physical Environment, and Leadership and Management.

With all ten standards combined we scored an average of 98%! 7 of these 10 standards received a 100% or higher!

It's time to celebrate this achievement on Spirit Day, Friday, March 2nd. Wear your Walden t-shirt and every family will have a special gift to take home to celebrate a sweet success!

Hop, Hop, Hop!



The Walden School's annual Easter Egg Hunt will be Thursday morning on March 29th. A special visitor has promised to hop by!

Children will be hunting eggs beginning at 10:00 a.m. Please sign up, in your child's classroom, to bring an item for your child's party. Parents please remember that party items must be store purchased and packaged. We are sorry that home-made items cannot be distributed to your child's class. Walden's private Kindergarten will have their hunt and party in the morning with class being dismissed at 12:00 noon. Our school aged children will enjoy a special egg hunt at 4:00p.m. The Easter Bunny would greatly appreciate candy donations in the front office for the Easter Egg Hunt. **Please avoid any candies**

containing peanuts or made in a facility with nuts.
Thank you!



The Walden School will be closed on March 30th for Good Friday.

Spring Break Activities For Kindergarten and Above

Monday, March 12th— St. Patrick's Day Arts and Crafts

Tuesday, March 13th- Field trip to Laser Zone for Kindergarten and above 9:30 -12:30 \$10.00 *Must have a Walden t-shirt for all field trips.*

Wednesday, March 14th- Cooking Activity: Lucky Rainbow Lollipops

Thursday, March 15th — Field trip to Fire It Up Pottery for Kindergarten and above 9:30-12:30 \$12.00. *Must have a Walden t-shirt for all field trips.*

Friday, March 16th—Movie and popcorn day! We'll feature *The Peanuts Movie* and enjoy popcorn on the last day of Spring Break.

Walden t-shirts can be purchased for \$10.

FALL REGISTRATION

All children currently enrolled at Walden School are guaranteed a space for the 2018-2019 school year **provided they register by March 8, 2018.** Pre-registration will end, and registration will be open to the general public beginning March 8th. After that time, registration cannot be guaranteed as registration will then be on a first come, first served basis. Classes will follow the Fort Bend calendar which begins on August 15th. All children currently enrolled are registered through August

The colors this month are **green**, **lavender**, and **yellow**.

The shapes this month are **diamond**, **oval**, **shamrocks**, and **Texas**.



Nursery & Infants

Nursery boys and girls will have a busy month playing with green and exploring texture and sounds. We will play with green paint on shamrock cut-outs, as well as painting on Easter eggs and spring flowers. Parents, remember to check your formula and diaper supply.

The Infants will explore our great Texas culture by using various media to paint and color cut-outs of cactus, boots, cowboys, horses, cows, shamrocks, and leprechauns using sponges, brushes, rollers and a variety of other tools. We love exploring different shapes, textures and sounds and playing "What's in the Box?" Our sensory table will become a wonderful world of textures with ice cubes, Easter eggs, cotton balls, rice, and noodles. We'll enjoy playing with Jello, whipping cream, cottage cheese and flour and oatmeal.

Toddlers



Wheels and Construction

In addition to learning about St. Patrick's Day, Rodeo, Texas and Easter, Toddlers will:

1. Learn that many things have wheels: cars, trucks, buses, bicycles, tricycles, and wheelbarrows.
2. Talk about how construction workers wear hard hats and tool belts and use special machines and tools.
3. Learn about different trucks and their uses in construction; bulldozers, cement trucks, and dump trucks.
4. Talk about ranches, farms, farm animals and the rodeo.
5. Work on pre-academic skills such as identifying things that are round like Easter eggs, identifying sounds tools make, and drawing circles.
6. Work on physical skills such as moving in big ways and riding toys with wheels.

Young Threes



My Five Senses

In addition to learning about St. Patrick's Day, Rodeo, Texas and Easter, Young Threes will:

1. Learn about the 5 senses, (sight, hearing, taste, smell, and touch)
2. Investigate nature using our senses.
3. Become aware of how we use our senses in daily experiences.
4. Learn about the letters T, O, and X. Begin tracing and exploring these shapes.
5. We will explore the culture of Ireland and St. Patrick's Day as a celebration. We will continue to learn about Texas and it's traditions and culture.
6. We will also celebrate the traditions of Easter.

March Topics

Yee Haw! It's rodeo time in Houston, and a great time for children to learn about cowboys and cowgirls, farm animals, and the state of Texas. March also brings weather that can be rainy or dry, hot or cold, and very windy, or very calm. The Walden children will explore March's fascinating weather and hope to find at least one rainbow (maybe with gold at the end). March 17th is St. Patrick's Day and a fun way to learn about Ireland and other cultures and their holidays. March ends with the celebration of Easter.

Preschool 1 & 2



In addition to learning about the beginning of Spring, Texas and ranches and farms, children will:

1. Learn about St. Patrick's Day as a celebration of Irish Culture and the many symbols of Ireland.
2. Learn about Easter and Spring and participate in the traditions of Easter.
3. Springtime begins and we will be celebrating spring as well as investigating weather and rainbows.
4. Preschoolers will work on physical skills like rolling balls, hitting a target with a beanbag, putting on and taking off dress-up clothes, and working on the letters G, M, Q, and N.

Pre-Kindergarten 1 & 2



Our Pre-kindergarten classes will be learning all about Texas this month. Bluebonnets, pecan trees, the state flag, mockingbirds, and of course, the rodeo, will keep us busy with art and craft projects, stories and dramatic play possibilities. Farm and ranch life will give us plenty of interesting things to learn about the animals, farmers and ranchers care for. We'll celebrate St. Patrick's Day in traditional fashion with shamrocks and lots of green. The letters, R, T, and E are the letters of the month. Phonetic awareness of beginning sounds, and recognition of the written letter will be emphasized. We look forward to celebrating Easter and continuing to work on developmental skills.

Kindergarten

Watch out, varmints—Kindergarten will be "Boot-Scootin" through Texas learning about treasured Texas landmarks and history. It's also time to take off to the races...the dog sled races, that is. We're heading to Alaska for the Iditarod! We have picked our mushers and teams and will track the whole race from the beginning to the end. Stay tuned for more news and activities! It's all about adventure! Our science labs will include solids, liquids, gasses, rainbows, prisms, and magnets. Spring Break is March 12-16. There is no class, but Walden is open for childcare with a calendar of events on the front of this newsletter. There will be no trip to the library during March. We will go on a field trip to the Nature Discovery Center on Tuesday, April 3rd. More information to come.

