



The Walden School

November 2017

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Mon-Fri 6:30 a.m.—6:30 p.m.

**November 2017
at The Walden School:**

November 3-9—
Thanksgiving Food Drive:
Bring canned goods or non-
perishable foods for the
Fort Bend Food Pantry

November 3—Spirit Day!
Wear your Walden t-shirt.

Nov. 8—Individual
pictures arrive.

November 14—Library
field trip for Private
Kindergarten. 1:15-2:30

November 20-24—School
holiday for Walden Private
Kindergarten.

**November 23rd and 24th
Walden is closed for the
Thanksgiving Holiday**

*A look ahead at Decem-
ber and January: Walden
will be closed December
25th and 26th for
Christmas and January
1st for New Years Day.*

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Changes In The Weather

The weather is changing. Bring appropriate clothing for going outdoors, and be sure to label clothing with your child's name. It really helps us to keep up with items.



Thanks!

Reminders.....

Have your phone numbers, address, or other emergency information changed? Please be sure to notify us in writing of any changes regarding how to contact you. Your emergency information is vital to keeping your child safe.



**Halloween Carnival
Success**

Thanks to everyone who participated in the Walden Halloween Carnival. Our staff did an outstanding job, and it was wonderful to see so many families join the fun. Thanks to your generosity, we raised \$300 to send to Bo's Place in the name of the Walden School children. Bo's Place is a bereavement center offering grief support services to children, ages 3 to 18.

**Thanksgiving Food
Drive & Spirit Day**

The Walden School will collect non-perishable food items and canned goods beginning **Friday, November 3rd through Thursday, November 9th**. Donations will be taken to the Fort Bend Food Pantry the morning of Friday, November 10th.

Celebrate Spirit Day by



**wearing your
Walden t-shirt
and bringing in
non-perishable**

**foods on Friday,
November 3rd.**

The Walden School is closed Nov. 24th & 25th for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Giving Thanks....

Community Happenings

**November in Sugar
Land Town Square:**

- Nov. 4th — International Festival 10:00—2:00p.m.
- Nov. 18th — Holidays in the Plaza family entertainment 6-8 p.m.
- Nov. 26th — Photos with Santa 1:00-5:00 (several times in December as well).
- Thurs. Dec. 7th — Holiday Tree Lighting 5:00—8:00p.m.

Thanks Firefighters!

We'd like to thank the Sugar Land Firefighters from Station #3 for visiting with The Walden School children in October for Fire Prevention Week. It really helps the boys and girls begin to understand the important service they provide to everyone in our community.



Box Top News

Thank you Walden Students and Parents.

We earned \$110.90 through our Box Tops for Education submission this fall!

Continue to collect Box Tops and drop them off in the container at the front office.



**Walden Community
Service Corner**

The House of Tiny Treasures is a school here in the Houston area which cares for homeless children. House of Tiny Treasures is a part of the Search organization. If your family would like to help a child this holiday season, please inquire at the office about a project we will be taking on. A list of the children will be coming in December. See the office for up-dates.



November Topics

November days begin with the sparkle of frost on a layer of crisp leaves covering the lawns and gardens. Harvest is complete and food is being stored for winter. Turkey dinner, family reunions, and football dominate conversations and families eagerly anticipate the one uniquely American holiday—Thanksgiving. In introducing the traditions of Thanksgiving, we will emphasize the family as a caring sharing group of people, who come together to give thanks and celebrate. The story of the first Thanksgiving will also be used to help the children learn about the cultures and art of First Americans. One purpose of this study will be to develop a more positive image of these Americans than those presented in “Cowboy and Indian” television programs. Focusing on our grocers as community helpers will allow children to examine where and how our foods get to market and to our homes, schools, and restaurants. Animals preparing for winter and the cycle of the seasons will be explored as children learn to appreciate the natural world around them. The shape and colors for November: **brown, black, and square.**

Nursery

Nursery will explore interesting Fall events in weather, clothing, Thanksgiving, and textures. Nursery children will explore pumpkin puree tasting play. We will be painting Pilgrim hats and making turkey handprint art. Please remember to bring extra clothing according to the weather with jackets for our outdoor rides, and extra clothing for those oh so frequent messy times.

Infants

Infants will explore taste and textures using our sensory table to explore various items as dry stuffing, oatmeal, acorns, leaves, cotton-balls, shaving cream of green and orange color. We'll carve and touch a pumpkin examining the insides, and taste different textures like fresh corn, pumpkin pie, whipping cream, and marshmallow cream, as well as rolling textured balls through paint to make interesting designs. Other art activities for November will be using crayons, paint, chalk, scrubbers, feather dusters, vegetables and fruits, and cars to make more textured art and veggie prints. The class will paint traditional pictures like a turkey, ear of corn, pilgrim boats, and the cornucopia. Literature choices this month will include “The Best Thanksgiving Ever,” “The Turkey Ball,” “Ten Fat Turkeys,” “It’s Pumpkin Day, Mouse,” “Apples and Pumpkins,” “Turkey Talk,” and “One Little, Two Little Pumpkins.” Infants will explore songs using music and musical instruments. We'll entertain ourselves with the Hokey Pokey, Head and Shoulders, and Ring Around the Rosie. Shapes and colors will be explored with folder games, and we'll count to 3 using finger plays and games.



Toddlers & Young Threes

Fruits & Vegetables—Thanksgiving—Native Americans and Pilgrims, and Families.

Toddlers and Young Threes will:

1. Learn the name, smell, and taste of familiar fruits and vegetables and that they are living plants that grow in the earth.
2. Study how plants grow from seeds and need sun and water.
3. Learn why we celebrate Thanksgiving and how the Pilgrims and Native Americans worked together.

4. Native Americans helped early settlers
5. Sort and match food groups according to the food pyramid.
6. Learn about families as groups of people who live together. Families are made up of many different combinations and relationships.
7. Work on pre-academic skills such as putting puzzles together, sorting, matching, identifying and reviewing colors, and listening to stories.
8. Work on gross motor physical skills including jumping with two feet doing cross-lateral body movements, and moving their bodies to music. Holding crayons, brushes and other items will help develop our fine motor skills.

Pre-school Topics and Pre-Kindergarten Topics

Autumn/Harvest Season, Native Americans, Thanksgiving.

1. Talk about all of the wonderful things for which we are thankful.
2. Learn what it means to “harvest.”
3. Explore how Native Americans lived and communicated with each other and learn how the Native Americans helped the Pilgrims when they first arrived.
4. Learn about the first Thanksgiving celebrated by the Pilgrims and Native Americans.
5. Learn about and recognize patterns through art and creative activities. Pre-Kindergarten will be learning about the letters O and Q and Pre-school will be learning O, Q, T, and G. Both groups will work on recognizing the numbers 1-12 and using these numbers to make number sets.

Kindergarten

November is full of Fall fun! We will be studying Native Americans and the history of early Americans in Social Studies. Listen carefully for the sounds of the drums as the kindergarten class learns the beat of Native American songs. For Science we will dissect and observe owl pellets, study birds of prey and how the human eye works.

Important Kindergarten Dates:

- We will be visiting the library on Tuesday, November 14th, 1:15—2:30p.m. Wear your Walden t-shirt and closed toed shoes.
- Walden Private Kindergarten will be dismissed for the Thanksgiving holidays from November 20th-24th.
- Walden School will be closed Nov. 23rd and 24th.
- A field trip is in the works for the first week of December. Stay tuned for more information.



*We hope all of our Walden Families
have a wonderful and safe
Thanksgiving holiday.*

The Walden Staff

