

**2018-2019
School Calendar:**



The Walden School

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An NAEYC Accredited School since 1989
August/September 2018

- Aug 20 First Day of classes
- Sep 3 **WALDEN IS CLOSED LABOR DAY**
- Sep 28 No classes Private Kindergarten—Ft. Bend County Fair Day
- Oct 19 No classes for Private Kindergarten
- Oct 25 Halloween Carnival
- Nov 19-23 Thanksgiving Holiday Break for Private Kindergarten-No classes
- Nov 22-23 **WALDEN IS CLOSED THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY**
- Dec 20 Christmas Parties
- Dec 21 Early dismissal Private Kindergarten
- Dec 24 **WALDEN IS CLOSED CHRISTMAS EVE HOLIDAY**
- Dec 24 Winter Break begins for Private Kindergarten No classes through Jan. 7th
- Dec 25 **WALDEN IS CLOSED CHRISTMAS DAY HOLIDAY**
- Jan 1, 2019 **WALDEN IS CLOSED NEW YEARS DAY HOLIDAY**
- Jan 8 Classes resume for Private Kindergarten
- Jan 21 ML King, Jr. Day No classes for Private Kindergarten
- Feb 14 Valentine's Day Parties
- Feb. 15 No classes for Private Kindergarten
- Mar 11-15 No classes for Private Kindergarten-Spring Break
- April 19 **WALDEN IS CLOSED GOOD FRIDAY**
- April 22 No classes for Private Kindergarten
- May 23 Private Kindergarten Graduation Ceremonies
- May 24 Last Day of classes for Private Kindergarten and noon dismissal
- May 27 **WALDEN IS CLOSED MEMORIAL DAY**
- May 28 First Day of Summer Camp.

Welcome to The Walden School!

For returning and new families please join us in beginning a new school year by reading important information found in the monthly newsletters, on the bulletin board, and at the office. The classroom teachers are also happy to help you with information you may need to know. Please feel free to speak with them. If you have made any changes during the year in your address or phone numbers, please make sure all of your emergency phone numbers and contacts are up-to-date. Additionally, your child may have immunization additions which will need to be recorded. Please see the office staff to update that information.



Meet the Teachers

At the beginning of each year, we encourage our parents to visit their child's classroom. We will hold a "Meet the Teacher" evening for parents to learn more about the program in September. A special letter with your child's Meet the Teacher date will be passed out in early September. The teacher-parent general meeting will begin promptly at 6:00 p.m. and end around 6:30 p.m. The Meet the Teacher event will be an opportunity to see your child's classroom and learn more about your child's daily experiences. Child care will be available during the Meet the Teacher event.



The Walden School is closed on Monday, September 3rd, for the Labor Day Holiday.

Walden Spirit Day!

The first Friday of each month, we celebrate Spirit Day. Every student is encouraged to wear their Walden t-shirt on that Friday. Most often, we have a fun activity, community service project and/or family participation event.

Our first Spirit Day for the school year will be on **Friday, September 7th. Wear your Walden T-shirt!**



Homework Room

Walden students in Kindergarten and above have access to a homework hour each Monday through Thursday from 4:15 to 5:15. Parents may request their child be monitored in attending. Please pick up an After school Homework Sign-up Sheet in the office, and let us know your preferences in regard to your child.

Extra Curricular Activities

Walden offers a variety of activities each year. Enrollment information is available at the office and on our bulletin board. Please sign up promptly if you are interested.

Gymnastics with Sugar Land Gymnastics School for children age 3 and older. Classes are once a week and will begin the week of September 10th. See the registration form for your child's day and time. Please pick up the gymnastics registration form at the office.

Ballet Classes with Miss Katherine for children age 3 and older. Classes are once each week and will begin in late September. A recital is held in the Spring. Please pick up a dance registration at the office.

Taekwondo with Mrs. Jenny for children Pre-Kindergarten and above. Classes are once each week and will begin the week of September 10th. A special exhibition for parents will be held in the Spring. Please pick up a registration form at the office. Uniforms \$20 if needed.



Curriculum Goals and Topics for August/September

Nursery

Welcome new babies and new parents! We will be having fun with sensory activities to stimulate baby senses, and we also will be going for outside buggy rides and bubble play. It's always fun outside! Look for these activities this month:

- ◆ Finger-painting
- ◆ Parachute play
- ◆ Fingerplays, books, and songs!
- ◆ Applesauce play
- ◆ Picture cards
- ◆ Whale Painting

Infants

Children in the infants class will have a full, fun month. Sensory and fine motor activities will include using various media like crayons, markers, chalk, and paint with items like rollers, sponges, brushes, and branches. We'll use backgrounds of buses, apples, rulers, leaves, trees, foil, and stickers! Look for our window painting and experimenting with sour cream, rice, beans, gunk (yes, a real term), colored shaving cream, and Jell-O in green, yellow, and orange. We'll talk about parts of our faces, friends' names, shapes, and colors. Buggy rides, and ball play will help fill our day.

Toddler and Young Three's

Welcome! Each month we will share with you the main themes that will be the focus of your child's exploration, play, stories, and songs. We encourage you to reinforce these topics as you talk with your children. August is a time of new beginning for both children and teachers. The young child encounters a new classroom, a different group of friends, and a new teacher. For the teacher it is a time to develop a new relationship with each child in her class. Activities and time spent in establishing a warm, caring community within the classroom will set the foundation for a happy, productive school year. Please bring 2 changes of clothing marked with your child's name in a zip-lock bag, and a small blanket for nap to be taken home each Friday for laundering. Topics will be: Labor Day, All About Me, Fair Day, Apples, and Mexico.

- ◆ Name and point to body parts.
- ◆ Study how we use our eyes, ears, noses, and mouths.
- ◆ Schools are places where children learn new things.
- ◆ School is a fun place to try new things and meet new friends.
- ◆ With a classroom routine and schedule, it helps to guide our fun day of learning.
- ◆ Work on physical skills including playing chase, climbing stairs, rolling balls, moving like pets, riding toys without pedals, hopping, jumping, and balancing, and developing fine motor writing skills.
- ◆ Work on artistic skills including using glue and glue sticks, scribbling with crayons, mixing colors, and acting out words to songs and finger plays. We will talk about Labor Day, Fair Day, Apples, and Mexico.

Preschool

Welcome! In order for children to become comfortable with classroom routine, we ask that parents please arrive to school each day on a consistent schedule, bring napping materials for children on Monday mornings, and take them home on Friday for laundering. Please bring only small blankets and pillows which fit into cubbies easily. Additionally, all children occasionally have need for a change of clothing. Please bring a change of clothing in a plastic zip-lock bag. Mark your child's name clearly on the inner label of their clothing for identification. Please check your child's cubby daily for clothing which needs to be taken home.

We will be exploring several topics this month; with a great deal of emphasis on classroom dynamics, and courtesy. Children with the limited experiences of a three-year-old, often need help with effective language to convey their needs or to express themselves. We will be actively working to develop those life skills this month and in the continuing months to come. Preschool begins work on phonics with "Letter Stories." Development of number and letter recognition is an on-going focus during our school year. Fine motor skills used in handwriting are developed through the use of diverse media and through our monthly focus themes. Our curriculum focus for September will be:

- ◆ Meeting new friends
- ◆ All About Me
- ◆ Dinosaurs
- ◆ Apples
- ◆ Letters D, A



Pre-Kindergarten

Pre-Kindergarten children will explore many learning opportunities during a focus on Under the Sea. (Pre-K 1); Forest Animals (Pre-K 2). Both groups will talk about All About Me, and Friends. We will practice social interaction skills with peers and be focusing on a number of other developmental skills this month.

- ◆ Work on skills such as cutting with scissors, drawing, painting, building, and singing.
- ◆ Work on writing skills and language development.
- ◆ Work on pre-academic skills such as building vocabulary through math explorations, identifying letters and sounds in our names, matching colors and shapes, and asking anding questions, and listening for instructions

As we grow into our routines this month, please help your child by providing a change of clothing to keep at school, and taking a few minutes each day to ask your child about his or her day. Your interest is priceless!

Private Kindergarten

Welcome to Kindergarten! Every student has a red "Take Home Folder". It goes home each night and is to be returned the following day throughout the year. Please refer to the special letter that was sent home the first day of school. It's jam packed with information. We will be going on a field trip to the library each month and there will be an educational field trip each semester. All field trips require Walden t-shirts to be worn. This is going to be an exciting year and we are thrilled to have you in Walden's Private School!