



# THE WALDEN SCHOOL

## OCTOBER 2017

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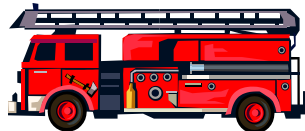
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### Autumn Activities—Mark your Calendar!

#### Special Dates this month

- Friday, October 6th — Walden School Spirit Day! Wear your Walden T-shirt!
- Monday, October 16th — Fire-truck visits for Fire-prevention month. 9:00 a.m.
- Wednesday, October 18th — Individual Pictures taken in the morning. Fill out an order form and give it to the office by October 17th for your child's picture to be taken.
- Thursday, October 19th — Noon early dismissal for Private Kindergarten.
- Friday, October 20th — No class for Private Kindergarten (FBISD holiday).
- Thursday, October 26th — Walden Halloween Carnival. Between 6:45 and 8:00 p.m.
- Sunday, October 29th — Sugar Land Town Square presents Halloween Town 4:00-8:00 p.m.
- Sunday, November 5th — Daylight Savings time ends. Fall back one hour.



#### Firefighters to visit

As part of our fire-prevention activities, the Sugar Land Firefighters will send a fire truck to visit the Walden School children on Monday, October 16th at 9:00. All classes from Toddler and above will visit the fire truck and fire fighters. Kindergarten will have a special class presented by the fire fighters and visit the fire truck.



#### **Spirit Day At Walden!**

Friday, October 6th is Walden School Spirit Day.

Wear your Walden T-shirt to show your school spirit!

We will have a special art activity for you and your child to do to celebrate the Houston Astros in the playoffs.



#### Individual Pictures



Individual pictures will be taken on Wednesday, October 18th from 9:00—11:00 in the morning. If you would like your child's picture to be taken, forms will be available early October, or you can download one from our website at [www.thewaldenschool.com](http://www.thewaldenschool.com). Attach your payment to your form when you turn it in by October 17th. You will have several packages to choose from. If you would like your child to wear special clothing for their picture, please let your child's teacher know that you have brought items for them to change into. Group class pictures will be taken in Spring 2018.

#### **Box Tops for Education**

You can help earn cash for The Walden School by doing what we already do — shopping for groceries! Start clipping now and dropping the "Box Tops" coupons at the front desk! You can also visit [www.boxtops4education.com](http://www.boxtops4education.com) at any time for more information including a listing of participating products.



#### Halloween Carnival

Our Annual Halloween Carnival will be held Thursday, October 26th. The Carnival will begin at 6:45 p.m. and end at 8:00 p.m. You may arrive any time during those hours. Children must be accompanied by their parent. All children and parents are invited to come in costume. There is a \$5.00 family donation paid at the door for each family attending the carnival. The profits collected will be donated to Bo's Place in the name of The Walden School Children. We will be happy to accept individually wrapped candies for the carnival. **Please, no candies that may contain peanuts and/or made in a peanut facility.** There will be designated boxes at the front office to drop off candy donations. All donations are greatly appreciated!

#### *Community Happenings*

#### **City of Sugar Land**

#### **Presents**

#### **Halloween Town**

**Sunday October 29, 2017  
4:00-8:00 p.m.**

Jack-o-lanterns, spooky creatures, and pounds of candy for trick-or-treaters will once again transform Sugar Land Town Square into a Halloween Town.



# October Concepts and Activities

October—Fall is in the air, the sky is a brilliant blue; leaves are a riot of color and crispy underfoot. Harvest products fill the market with golden hues. Autumn is a good time to talk about the change of seasons and how plants, animals and people are affected. October is National Fire Prevention Month and offers the opportunity for exciting activity with noisy fire trucks and brave firefighters. Halloween with its masks and spooky costumes brings October to a dramatic and fun close. Since Halloween can be a very scary time for young children, we will try to talk about many of the “spooky” things they will encounter during the holiday and carnival.

The shape and colors for October: **triangle, orange, and black**

## NURSERY

Nursery will explore sensory activities. Some concepts learned during sensory activities will be using my hands and feet to explore objects. We'll be moving to music, and exploring by touching objects with different textures. We'll try new foods and explore how new textures feel in our mouths, we'll be looking at our reflection in a mirror, observing objects with different shapes, listening to music, and experience the sounds of speech in song and when being read to. We will paint on real pumpkins, paper pumpkin shapes, touch pumpkin filling, make Halloween footprints, play with mini-pumpkins, and explore outdoors during our buggy rides. Please check your child's stash of extra clothing for needed changes during our day, and please remember all formula, food, and water must be factory sealed when you bring it to school.



## INFANTS

Infants continue to explore their world through sensory activities and group play. We will explore the traditional sights and sounds of Autumn. The Infants will paint at the window with orange and black paints, they will use different techniques to paint using twigs or branches, fingers, rollers, sponges, etc. The infants will decorate spiders, pumpkins, witches, leaves, and scarecrow shapes. They will gather leaves and explore our water table. We'll explore pumpkins by carving and removing seeds, and use the seeds and other types of leaves for an art activity. We will explore textures with cotton balls and sensory discovery by tasting candy corn and marsh-mallow. We will continue to offer the children a variety of books and finger play activities to help develop language and literacy interest like “Five Little Pumpkins,” and we look forward to tasting pumpkin and cool whip!

## TODDLERS and YOUNG 3's TOPICS

### **AUTUMN, HALLOWEEN, and FIRE PREVENTION**

Toddlers and Young 3's will:

- explore shapes, especially triangles, with a variety of art materials and in games and manipulative activities.
- prepare art materials centered around the Halloween experience.
- explore the use of pumpkins as food by tasting food with pumpkin as an ingredient, and discover traditional jack-o-lanterns as well as examining the seeds of a pumpkin.
- explore Autumn weather, preparing for harvest and loco-motor skills like jumping, leaping, and galloping.
- learn about the role of the firefighter and the equipment used to fight fires.
- explore dressing in costumes and experimenting with role play in both imaginary and real experiences.
- begin to learn self-help skills like putting away toys, throwing away lunch plates and cups, and putting on some items of clothing.
- focus on animals preparing for cold weather in Young Threes, and Toddlers will explore creepy crawlies and bugs.

## PRESCHOOL TOPICS

This month Pre-School will look forward to working with the topics of fire safety, fall and leaves, pumpkins, jack-o-lanterns and Halloween.

Preschoolers will:

- discover different types of leaves and all their lovely autumn colors.
- learn about preventing fires and fire related injuries.
- explore poking around the pumpkin patch with fun filled activities about pumpkins.
- practice pre-academic skills such as counting, making predictions, recognizing shapes, numbers, and letters P, F, H, and L.

## PRE-KINDERGARTEN

### **SPIDERS, BATS, FIRE PREVENTION, AUTUMN AND HALLOWEEN**

Pre-Kindergarten will:

- discuss and learn about the many changes that occur during Fall.
- explore and learn the growth cycle of a pumpkin.
- explore the role of the firefighter as they perform their job in our community.
- discover the role bats and spiders play in the eco-system instead of fearing them.
- explore pre-academic skills such as tracing, cutting paper, counting beats of music, making predictions, recognizing shapes in the natural environment and getting information from books. Our letters for the month will be: L, P, S, and O. We will focus on spatial relationships, classifications and number recognition from 1-12.

## KINDERGARTEN

Kindergarten academics will encompass: signs of Fall, fire safety, spiders, bats, Columbus Day, America, and Italy. Kindergarteners are continuing to work on letter recognition and phonetic awareness for Aa-Gg. We will begin Hh-Kk and Ll-Pp during October. Our math work with the number lines and our addition games will continue. It's “Rhyme Time.” Some very nice homemade books will be ready to read soon!

Did you hear we are having a pumpkin parade?! A note and a pumpkin will go home on October 9th about this special event. All pumpkins are to be returned to school by October 18th.

Important October Dates: Our visit to the library will be Tuesday, October 10th; be sure to wear your Walden t-shirt and closed toe shoes. The Sugar Land Firefighters will present a class and we will tour their fire truck on October 16th. Individual class pictures are on October 18th. Classes will be dismissed at noon on Thursday, October 19th. There is a class holiday on Friday, October 20th.

