



# The Walden School

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**September 2023**

## 2022-2023 School Calendar:

### 2023

**Aug 14** First Day of Class  
**Sep 4** Walden is closed for Labor Day  
**Sep 14** Back to school Night  
**Sep 23** Parents Day Out  
**October 6th** Fall festival  
**Oct 31** Halloween Trunk or Treat  
**Nov 17** Friendsgiving/ Potluck  
**Nov 24-25** Walden is closed for Thanksgiving Holiday  
**Dec 15** Christmas Program/ Parties  
**Dec 25** Walden is closed for the Christmas Holiday  
**Dec 26** Walden is closed for the Christmas Holiday

### 2024

**Jan 1** New Year's Holiday (Closed)  
**Feb 14th** Valentines Day parties  
**March 29th** Good Friday (closed)  
**May 27** Memorial Day (Closed)

## 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, that will be sent by email, found on our website and at the front office. Classroom's weekly lesson plans will be outside the front door for parents to view.

We will be sending out new enrollment sheets to every family in the upcoming weeks. Once you receive yours please fill it out and return to the office to ensure we have all your up to date information. Additionally, your child may have immunization additions which will need to be recorded. Please bring in any updated immunization forms so we can add them to your child's file. All forms may be turned into Ms. Barrie

## Back to School night

We will hold a back to school night on September 14th for parents to learn more about

your child's program. This will take place from 6:00pm-7:00pm. Back to school night will be an opportunity to see your child's classroom and learn more about your child's daily experiences. You will also get a chance to see what your child has been working on for the past month in their new classroom.

## Walden Spirit week

Walden will be holding a spirit week every month throughout the school year. There will be an assigned theme Mon-Thurs of that week. However, we will always end the week with Friday being Walden school pride day and we will wear our Walden shirts. If you are a new student and have not received

a Walden shirt please see Ms. Barrie up front and we will give you one.



## After schoolers

I know in the past the schoolers have been able to bring toys from home to Walden, but moving forward we will no longer allow toys from home.

The schoolers room is filled with plenty of activities to keep the students entertained and busy. If you have any questions about this policy please see Ms. Barrie at the front.

*The Walden School is closed on Monday, September 4th, for the Labor Day Holiday.*

## Extra Curricular Activities

Extra Curricular Activities enrollment forms can be found at the office. Please fill out the form, and turn in with the required fees. Space is limited so please turn in forms asap.

Gymnastics with Sugar Land Gymnastics School for children age 3 and older. Classes are once a week (Tuesday or Thursday afternoons) and will begin the week of September 5th. See the registration form for your child's day and time.

Ballet/Tap with Mrs. Jorene Classes are once a week on Wednesday afternoons and will begin on September 6th. See the registration form for your child's day and time. Proper attire is required.

Amazing Athletes Classes are held Wednesday Mornings and taught by Ms. Laura and you can sign up for them using the QR code on the flyer upfront.



## Curriculum Goals and Topics for 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
- ♦ Ice cube play
- ♦ Parachute play
- ♦ Fingerplays, books, and songs!
- ♦ Applesauce play
- ♦ Picture cards
- ♦ Magazine play

Just a reminder that all siblings of babies need to wait outside of the Nursery. Thank you!

### 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 his/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.

Pre-School Welcome to Pre-School! 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 Fridays for laundering. Please bring only small blankets in a tote bag. 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 extra clothing supply seasonally for clothing that needs to be replenished or exchanged.

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. Pre-school 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 August and September will be: Welcome to Pre-School, All About Me, Meeting New Friends, Letter D / Dinosaurs, Letter A / Apples, Letter F / Season of Fall, and Letter L / Leaves.



Pre-Kindergarten Hoot, Hoot, Hooray! You're in Pre-K! Pre-Kindergarten children will explore many learning opportunities during a focus on: All About Me, Families, and Friends skills this month. 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 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!

Afterschoolers We hope you have a great first week and month at school! The allotted homework time is from 4:30—5:30p.m. every Monday through Thursday. If parents would like to have their child required to attend the homework session, then please fill out a form at the front office. Extracurricular activities of: tae-kwon-do, gymnastics, and ballet/tap will start soon so signup ASAP. Please refer to the FBISD school calendar for holidays and early dismissals as we tend to have special activities and/or field trips on these days.