



The Walden School

November 2023

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November 2023 Important Dates:

November 13th-18th:
Spirit week!



November 1st-15th:
Thanksgiving Food Drive- Bring canned goods or non-perishable foods for the East Fort Bend Human Needs Ministry, Inc. food pantry. See list outside of your students classroom.

November 23th & 24th:
Walden is closed for the Thanksgiving holiday.

*A look ahead at holiday dates:
Walden will be closed December 25th and 26th for Christmas and January 1st for the New Year holiday.*

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

Halloween Carnival

Success

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Walden Halloween Carnival. Our staff did an outstanding job, and it was wonderful to see so many students join the fun. Thanks to your generosity, we were able to send a donation to Bo's Place in the name of The Walden School children. Bo's Place is a bereavement center offering grief support services and education to children and families.



Thanksgiving Food Drive

and Spirit Day



Celebrate Spirit Day by wearing your Walden t-shirt and bringing in items for our annual Thanksgiving Food Drive for the East Fort Bend Human Needs Ministry, Inc. food pantry. Participate by bringing in non-perishable food items, canned goods and other items starting on **Friday, Nov. 1st through Friday, Nov. 15th**. There will be a list of item's posted outside of each classroom

Some recommended items are: stuffing, mashed potatoes, gravy, canned yams, condensed/canned milk, pie crust mix (boxed), frosting, french onion toppings, cream of mushroom soup, canned pumpkin, pie filling, cranberry sauce, broth, green beans, egg cartons, plastic bags and brown bags.

Cans from Sam's/Costco are too large for their

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Thanksgiving Fun

for the Afterschooler Program



Monday, Nov. 20st: Thanksgiving Craft: Thankful Turkeys

Tuesday, Nov. 21nd: Charlie Brown Thanksgiving Day: Movie and Charlie Brown Thanksgiving Snack.

Wednesday, Nov. 22rd: Thanksgiving Art Project: Thanksgiving Placemats

Thanks Firefighters!

We'd like to thank the Sugar Land Firefighters for visiting with The Walden School children in October for Fire Prevention Month. The time the firefighters spend with the boys and girls helps them begin to understand the important service they provide to everyone in our community.



Friendsgiving

This year The Walden School will be hosting a Friendsgiving on November, 17 2023. It will be a pot luck style and parents are invited to join. Teachers will create sign up sheets with a list of dishes and it will be posted outside of the classroom.

Taking Vacation?

If you plan on taking a vacation or will be out the week of thanksgiving or days leading up to it please let your child's teacher know or tell Ms. Barrie in the front.

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 farmers and 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, Thanksgiving, and textures. Nursery children will explore pumpkin puree tasting and whipped cream play. We will be painting on pumpkin cut-outs, brown and orange noodle play, 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 and Young Threes

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

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. Learn how 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

Autumn/Harvest Season, Owls, Native Americans, Thanksgiving.

1. Learn about the wonders of the owl and how special these birds of prey are to our world.
2. Learn what it means to “harvest” and take a deeper look into corn through sensory play, study and art.
3. Talk about all of the wonderful things for which we are thankful.
4. Explore how Native Americans lived and communicated with each other and how the Native Americans helped the Pilgrims when they first arrived. Learn about the first Thanksgiving celebrated by the Pilgrims and Native Americans.
5. Learn about and recognize patterns through art, creative activities and graphing with fun Fall materials. We will focus on the letters: O, C, and T. We will also recognize the numbers 1-10 and use these numbers to make number sets.

Pre-Kindergarten

Owls, America, Pilgrims, Native American Indians, Thanksgiving.

1. Talk about all of the wonderful things for which we are thankful.
2. Explain why the Pilgrims left England to find a new land and the meaning of freedom.
3. Learn what it means to grow crops, farm, harvest and have plenty to eat.
4. Explore how Native Americans lived and communicate with each other and learn how the Native Americans helped the Pilgrims when they first arrived in the new land. Introduce cooperation and Samoset and Squanto.
5. Discuss how the Pilgrims and Indians celebrated the first Thanksgiving and why.
6. Owls and turkeys will be explored and how they play a part in our world.
7. Letters of the month: O, A, and M. Some sight words we will focus on are: feast, turkey, Mayflower, feathers, thankful, and freedom. We will continue to work on number recognition, writing and value for 1-20. Counting forwards and backwards will be exercised along with counting with our 10 frames activities.



Afterschoolers

Thank you Afterschoolers for your creative work on the Halloween collection boxes! This month, there will be a few holidays from school so there are several activities planned during the Thanksgiving break. Check them out below!

Monday, Nov. 20st — Thanksgiving Craft: Thankful Turkeys

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Thursday and Friday, Nov. 24th-25th — Walden is closed for the Thanksgiving holiday.