



**NAEYC Mission Statement:**  
NAEYC promotes high-quality early learning for all children, birth through age 8, by connecting practice, policy, and research. We advance a diverse, dynamic early childhood profession and support all who care for, educate, and work on behalf of young children.

## *This month...*

- **April 1st: Picture Day**
- **April 8th-12th: NAEYC Week of the Young Child Celebration**
- **April 15th-19th Walden Spirit Week**
- **April 22nd Walden celebrates Earth day!**



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6:30 a.m.–6:30 p.m., Monday–Friday

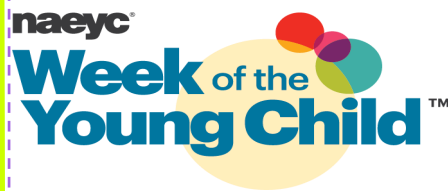


## **HOUSTON Livestock Show and Rodeo**

Congratulations to all of The Walden School “Go Texan Day” students for participating in the Walden Chuck Wagon parade! It was great to see all the cowboys and cowgirls dressed in their best western wear!

## *Successful Easter Egg Hunt*

Thank you to all families who made candy donations for our annual Easter egg hunt! The children had a wonderful time hunting for eggs as well as visiting with the Easter Bunny.



and dance!

**Tasty Tuesday:** Healthy eating and fitness at home and school!

**Work Together Wednesday:** Work together, build together, and learn together! A STEM activity/project will be the focus today.

**Artsy Thursday:** Think, problem solve and create! There is a special art activity we would like all families to participate in. Each family will receive a flower to decorate and bring back to school.

We will celebrate NAEYC’s Week of the Young Child the week of April 6<sup>th</sup>–12<sup>th</sup>. Check out the special activities below that will take place in the classrooms.

**Music Monday:** Sing, dance, celebrate and learn! Students will enjoy a special music class, and a fun filled day of music play

## **Summer Camp**

With the start of our school aged summer camp being just around the corner we have begun the enrollment process. Summer camp will start on May 27<sup>th</sup> and end on August 7<sup>th</sup>. If you have any question regarding our summer program please feel free to call the office or send me an email.

–Ms. Barrie



Happy Spring! Trees are budding out, flowers are beginning to bloom, and the weather is turning warmer. Winter must finally be over! Spring is the perfect time to teach children about the cycles of nature that occur each year. The observance of Passover and Easter occur this month and Earth Day.

Seeds from the fall come up as new plants in the Spring, caterpillars turn into butterflies, trees get new leaves—all fascinating events for young children. Warmer spring weather also makes trips outside at night a pleasant event. Since we will be talking about the changes in Spring, make sure to take them outside to observe the changes. Changes in nature are always interesting and mysterious to children. Through play and songs, we can help children learn about not only the world around them, but also the universe above them.

The colors for April are yellow, purple, and lavender. The shape for April is oval, or egg shape.



### Nursery Topics and Activities

Guidelines from NAEYC require all formula, jar foods, and cereal to be brought to school in its original sealed containers. We cannot serve prepared bottles from home. Please remember to check the fridge daily for bottles as they cannot be kept here overnight. Several extra outfits are needed for children daily. Our nursery children tend to be on the messy side at times! This month the Nursery children will be busy painting on egg-shaped cut-outs for Easter, participating in sensory play with yogurt, contact paper play, and Spring flower painting. We continue talking and engaging children in vocalizations, reading, and tactile play.

### Infant Topics and Activities

In the Infant class we will enjoy April with events like parachute play, bubbles, balls, rolling cars, stacking blocks, jumping, and crawling. We will be doing art activities using crayons, markers, chalk, and painting with brushes, rollers, and branches. Shapes utilized in art activities will be clouds, umbrellas, and rain-drops. We'll experiment with Jello, sour cream, shaving cream, stickers, gluing, and continue to learn our friends names, shapes, and color recognition. Learning the names of our body parts will keep us very busy. As always, daily reading of some seasonal selections will be enjoyed.

### Toddlers Topics and Activities

This month we will embrace spring with activities and observations around nature. We will learn that flowers and plants need sun and water to live. Springtime has many rain showers to water new plants and that when it rains, people use umbrellas to stay dry. By celebrating Earth Day, we'll discuss that people take care of the earth by planting trees and other plants. We will also learn that baby animals look much like their parents, but smaller. Birds lay eggs in nests and have feathers and most can fly. By pointing out insects outside, we'll be able to see that they are living things too!

### Young Three's Topics and Activities

Young 3's special topics will be "Animals Everywhere." We will discuss what we like about animals, discuss animals we are familiar with, and animals of the wild on land and in the sea. We will work on the letters A, Z, and F. We'll also work on pre-academic skills such as reciting simple rhymes, singing simple songs, and putting together simple puzzles. Physical skills such as throwing, jumping, making large motor movements to different music rhythms and stacking blocks will be a goal.

### Pre-School Topics and Activities

Pre-school will discuss how we celebrate Spring and Easter in our communities, neighborhoods, and family events. We will learn about baby animals and explore the life cycle of the butterfly as well as the important role insects play in nature. For Earth Day we'll learn the parts of the flower as we plant class flowers. We will work on pre-academic skills such as writing and identifying letters and numbers. Pre-school will focus on the letters N, U and W and the phonetic sounds they represent. We will learn more about number concepts and advance our numeration skills from 1-20. Patterning and ordering objects by size, shape, and colors will also be studied in math. We are excited to celebrate Easter, Week of the Young Child, and Earth Day with many fun activities.



### Pre-Kindergarten Topics and Activities

The Pre-K topics this month are:

- \* Easter Excitement!, In the Pond, All About Me—Week of the Young Child, and Earth Day
- \* Students will focus on writing our first and last names as well as home addresses. We have more emergent readers to practice aloud. Graphing, addition and subtraction, numeration activities are included with math.

Easter excitement gives us the week to learn about rabbits, eggs, baskets and seasonal classic stories. In the Pond will bring us into the importance of the water ecosystem and its delicate balance. Celebrating Mother Earth allows us to deeper explore our beautiful Earth and our responsibility to make it a cleaner world. To finish April we will emphasize the Week of the Young Child by focusing on All About Me and how we are special and important.