



The Walden School May 2009

Walden School is closed on Memorial Day,
Monday, May 25, 2009 for Memorial Day.

Breakfast with Mom

Our Mother's Day breakfast will be held Friday, May 8. Mothers please feel free to join your child for breakfast from 6:30 to 8:00am. If Mom cannot attend, we gladly welcome Dad or another relative.

Dance Recitals

Our dance classes will have their recitals on Wednesday, May 20th. Please check the bulletin board for your child's group, time and other details. Group A will dance at 6:30pm and Group B at 7:00pm. All parents are invited to attend. Refer to the letter from Mrs. Nancy.

Order Class Pictures by May 15

Class pictures are here and the prices are \$12 for one, \$20 for two, and \$26 for three. The last day to order will be Friday, May 15. Don't wait!

Parent/Teacher Conferences

Nursery - Pre-K: Parent/Teacher conferences are available at anytime. Please let us know if you would like to schedule a meeting with your child's teacher. We will be happy to work out a convenient time.

Kindergarten - 2nd: Please sign up for a conference time to speak with your child's teacher regarding Stanford Test results. Sign-up sheets are already posted next to your child's classroom with dates and times available. If these dates are not convenient for you, please call and make an appointment with your child's teacher.

Coaches Corner

Thanks to all of our coaches for coaching our soccer and baseball teams. Also, thanks to all our team parents for their support and encouragement. I really appreciate your time and good sportsmanship with the children. Thanks! -Mr. Mike

Fall Registration and Material Fee

Registration for Fall classes continues to fill available spaces in every class, and one or two classes have us now placing students on waiting lists. If you are planning to have your child attend Walden this Fall, you must register and pay your registration fees to insure a place for your child. Material Fees are also due now.

Summer Calendars

Summer is just around the corner! Be sure to look for our summer calendar, which outlines our summer program. We have a number of activities during summer, which will continue to keep children busy and stimulated. Lose your calendar? You can check your child's activity schedule by logging onto www.thewaldenschool.com.

Summer Gymnastics, Taekwondo and Swimming

Gymnastics: Classes will again be offered at Bill Austin's Gymnastics. There will be one session for six weeks; one class per week. The session begins June 9 and ends the week of July 13. Sign up sheets are available at the office. Session fee: \$72.

Taekwondo: One six-week session will be offered here at Walden and run from June 9-July 13. Classes will be once a week. Session fee: \$48.

Swimming Lessons: Children age 3 and older may sign up for swimming lessons to be held at Don Cook Natatorium. Lessons are by Sienna Plantation Aquatics. They will begin June 8 and run through August 6. (There will be NO lessons the week of July 20.) Each session consists of 8 lessons over a two-week period. Classes are Monday-Thursday. Sign up at the office. Session one begins June 8 and classes fill up fast! Session fee: \$105.

Added Swim Note: Sienna Aquatics is also offering evening classes from 4:30-7:30pm at Don Cook Natatorium. If you are interested in these evening classes, please sign up directly with Sienna online at siennaplantationaquatics.com.

Shoe Safety

Please have children wear closed-toe shoes which stay securely on their feet, like athletic shoes, to school. Sandals, flip flops and Crocs are difficult for children to run and play in safely as they do not stay on well, nor give their feet protection when playing. Thanks!



Dates to remember

May 8: Breakfast with Mom, 6:30-8:00am

May 12: Last library visit

May 15: Last Day to Order Class Pictures

May 20: Dance Recital/

May 22: Last day to drop of swimsuits for House of Tiny Treasures

May 25: WALDEN IS CLOSED

June 2: Kindergarten - 2nd grade Graduation program

June 4: Last day of classes for Kindergarten—2nd Grade

June 8: Summer Program begins

June 8: Sessions begin for Taekwondo, Gymnastics and Swimming.

Community Service to The House of Tiny Treasures

Walden school has often taken the initiative to offer ways for our families to join together in worthy projects. Once again, we'd like to extend help to some of the neediest families in the Houston area. The school we have adopted is House of Tiny Treasures. If your family would like to help a child this summer, please stay tuned for information we will soon be posting in the office. Our goal is to provide every child with a new swimsuit. We will need to have all of the swimsuits dropped off at the office no later than Friday, May 22. Walden parents and staff made our last project a great success over the holidays as we were able to provide every child with the items they needed. We could not have been more proud of our loving families. Thanks in advance for your help. We'll post more information about our family list this month.

Hooray for May—hot weather and summer are right around the corner! But before we make the transition to summer, we will all be busy little bees this May. We will celebrate Mother's Day on Friday, May 8 with a breakfast from 6:30—8:00am. The end of May marks the end of the traditional school year and the beginning of our summer program. This is our last newsletter until August, so make sure you pick up a calendar listing our exciting summer events. Summer themes and stimulating activities and visitors, will continue to keep us excited about learning. Toddlers will be exploring all kinds of animal including their favorite - Dinosaurs! Expect them to come home with new words like extinct and fossil, and to learn the names of dinosaurs that many parents don't know.

Don't forget to join us for a special Mother's Day breakfast on Friday, May 8 from 6:30-8:00am.

NURSERY

Please remember to check your child's chart daily to see if their supplies need to be replenished. This month is full of activities including painting on flower cut-outs, playing with contact paper, working on Mother's Day projects, a flower activity and playing with oatmeal. We continue exploring the world with daily outdoor buggy rides, music, and conversation!



INFANTS

Infants will celebrate Cinco de Mayo by painting Mexican flags and tasting various products from Mexico. We will continue to explore shapes and colors as well as texture play and other sensory activities. The children will learn to walk backwards and do various ball activities. Our new favorite books are *The Very Busy Spider* and *Peek-A-Zoo*. Infants enjoy rhythm activities with music and musical instruments. Outdoor cart rides are always a highlight and a great opportunity to experience nature and watch the birds. We especially like checking on the flowers that our fellow students have planted. Please remember to check your child's diaper supplies frequently.

TODDLERS 1 AND 2

Cinco de Mayo and a Mother's Day project will keep us busy at the beginning of the month. Animals, animals, and more animals are a big topic. We will learn about dinosaurs and what they ate, explore animals that live in the sea and talk about those that live at the zoo.



PRE-SCHOOL 1 AND PRE-SCHOOL 2

Celebrating Cinco de Mayo (5th of May) and learning about the foods of the Mexican culture will kick-off this month. Mothers, you will love the project we are also working on for you this month. We will review all of our letters, numbers, colors, shapes, cutting with scissors, and tracing. In addition the children will learn about frogs, butterflies and bees. This has been a busy year and we look forward to some fun summer activities!

PRE-KINDERGARTEN 1 AND PRE-KINDERGARTEN 2

Pre-Kindergarten will continue to learning about different types of flowers. We will review measurements thru sizing up flowers. Cinco de Mayo will be a great time to learn about some of the foods of the Mexican culture. Songs and poems will be learned in celebration of Mother's Day. We will review letter recognition and sounds of letters A-Z. We will also be recognizing and placing numbers 1-30 in numerical order. The children will continue working on their writing skills in their journals.

KINDERGARTEN THROUGH 2ND GRADE

What an exciting time we had on our end of the year field trip to the Shrine Circus! The students will wrap up the semester this month by taking a final trip to the library on Tuesday, May 12th. Kindergarten, 1st grade, and 2nd grade will have their graduation ceremony on Tuesday, June 2nd at 7p.m. All students must be here no later than 6:45p.m. The last day of class for the semester for Kindergarten through 2nd grade will be on June 4 at 12pm. Look for a note in your child's folder at the end of May about the fun we will have during the last week of school.

