



The Walden School

May 2008

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**Walden School is closed Monday,
May 26, 2008 for Memorial Day.**

Dance Recitals

Our dance classes will have their recitals on Wednesday, May 28th. Please check the bulletin board for your child's group and time. The recital times are as follows-**GROUP A** (Lauren G., Brooke, Babi, Isabella, and Mina) at 6:45 p.m., **GROUP B** (Haley, Lauren C., Ashley, Taylor, Sydney, Olivia, Kennedee, Molly, Zoe) at 7:15 p.m. All parents are invited to attend. Refer to the letter from Mrs. Nancy about arrival time, hair arrangement, etc. NOTE: There will be a make-up class on Tuesday, May 27.

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.

Breakfast with Mom

Our Mother's Day breakfast will be held Friday, May 9th. Mothers please feel free to join your child for breakfast from 6:30 to 8:00 a.m.

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 Fee is now due.

Order Class Pictures by May 18

Class pictures are here and the prices are \$10 for one, \$15 for two, and \$20 for three. The last day to order will be May 18. Don't wait!

Graduation Programs and End of the Term Field trips for Kindergarten through 3rd grades

There is a student holiday on Friday, May 9 for children in Kindergarten through 3rd grades. Walden will be CLOSED on Monday May 26.

Our last Library visit: May 7. Kindergarten-3rd grade.

Our Kindergarten and 1st grade graduation program will be Tuesday, June 3 at 7:00 p.m.

Our 2nd through 3rd grades graduation program will be Wednesday, June 4 at 7:00 p.m.

Summer Gymnastics & Taekwondo

Gymnastics: Classes will again be offered at Bill Austin's Gymnastics. There will be one session for eight weeks; one class per week. The session begins June 9 and ends Aug 31. Sign up sheets are available at the office. Session fee: \$96.

Taekwondo: One session will be offered here at Walden and run from June 11-July 30. 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 9 and run through August 1. Each session is \$100 and consists of 8 lessons over a two-week period. Classes are Mon.-Thu. Sign up at the office for available times and spaces. Session one begins June 9 and classes fill up fast!

Added 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 www.siennaplantationaquatics.com.

Shoe Safety

Please have children wear close-toed shoes which stay securely on their feet, like athletic shoes, to school. Sandals and flip flops are difficult for children to run and play in safely as they do not stay on well, or give their feet protection when playing. Thanks!

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.

Parent/Teacher Conferences Kindergarten - 3rd

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.

Dates to remember

May 7: Last library visit

May 9: Breakfast with Mom

May 9: Student holiday for Kindergarten—3rd grade

May 18: Last Day to Order Class Pictures

May 18: K-3rd grade field trip to George Ranch

May 26: WALDEN IS CLOSED

May 28: Dance Recital

June 3: Kindergarten & 1st grade Graduation program

June 4: Last day of classes for Kindergarten—3rd

June 4: 2nd—3rd Grades Graduation program

June 9: Summer Program begins

June 9: First session of swimming lessons begins

June 9: Gymnastics classes begin for session 1

The last day of classes will be Wednesday, June 4th.

Last Field Trip of the Term

Private Kindergarten through 3rd grade will visit the George Ranch on Thursday, May 22 from 8:30—2:30. Each child will need to bring a sack lunch. The cost will be \$9.00.

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 9 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 9 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 with red, green and white on flag cut-outs, 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!

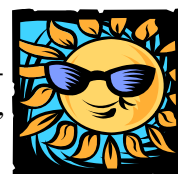


INFANTS

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 book is *Three Little Caterpillars*. 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

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 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 3rd GRADE

The students will wrap up the semester this month by taking a final trip to the library on Wednesday, May 7th. We will also take a field trip this month to 22nd. Remember to bring a sack tennis shoes. Kindergarten and 1st on Tuesday, June 3rd at 7p.m. and 2nd ceremony on Wednesday, June 4th. 6:45p.m. The last day of class for the grade will be on June 4th.



the George Ranch on Thursday, May lunch and wear your Walden T-shirt and Grade will have their graduation ceremony and 3rd grades will have their graduation All students must be here no later than semester for Kindergarten through 3rd