



The Walden School

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November 2008

This month:

- Nov. 3
Cookie Dough arrives-
get your freezer ready!
- Nov 8
Soccer Parties
- Nov 11
Pictures in for pick up
- Nov. 24-28
Student holiday for Kinder-
garten—2nd
- Nov. 27 & 28
WALDEN IS CLOSED.

Now that we are enjoying “colder” Texas temperatures, please remember to dress your child appropriately and send jackets and hats so we can continue to play outside.

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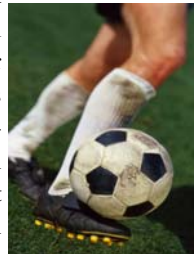
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Soccer Happenings

Congratulations to our super soccer teams! We are very proud of all our families who have played together with so much support and enthusiasm. A very special thanks to our coaches and assistant coaches Rick and Rebecca Dworaczyk, Dustin Harris, David Hollek, Erin Wells, and Scott Burford for all their zeal and extra efforts. The Walden soccer parties will be held at the soccer field after each soccer game on Nov. 8.



Pictures Scheduled to be delivered Nov. 11th

Pictures taken last month should be here for delivery on Tuesday, November 11th.

Fall Fund Raiser

Special thanks to all of those who participated in our fundraiser. It was a great success.

Sally Foster items were delivered in October. Thank you for promptly picking up your orders!

Cookie Dough will arrive Monday, November 3. Make room in your freezers!



Halloween Carnival Success

Thanks to everyone who participated in the Walden Halloween Carnival. Our staff did an outstanding job, and it was wonderful to see so many families join the fun. We raised a nice donation to send to the Texas Wildlife Coalition in the name of The Walden School children. Special thanks to Frazier and Jenny Pless for taking all the wonderful pictures at the carnival!



Walden School is closed Nov. 27 & 28 for the Thanksgiving Holiday

Thanks Firefighters!

We'd like to thank the Firefighters from the Sugar Land Fire Department, Station 4 for visiting with the Walden School children during October and Fire Prevention Week. The children enjoyed seeing the shiny red fire truck and learning about the important job they do every day. It really helps the boys and girls begin to understand that the firefighters are helpful.

Walden Community Service Corner

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 Family Centered Child Care Collaborative, which Walden is a part of, has a participating school which only takes homeless children. The school is House of Tiny Treasures. If your family would like to help a child this season, please inquire at the office about a project we will be taking on. A list of the children is forthcoming. See the office for up-dates.

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 culture 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 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 and Infants

Nursery will explore interesting Fall events in weather, clothing, Thanksgiving, and textures. Nursery children will explore touch texture by playing with orange Cool Whip, and mini pumpkins. We will be painting on Pilgrim hats and making turkey handprint art. Infants will explore taste and textures making leaf collages, collecting and examining leaves, painting on leaf shapes, and painting with leaves. Turkeys, Pilgrims, pilgrim dress with their hats, collars, and boats will find their way into our art project. We will taste pie filling, touch the inside of a pumpkin, play with shaving cream, touch fresh corn, play with cottage cheese, and play with orange Jell-O. We will glue Autumn magazine cut-outs, paint on various media like construction paper, foil, paper plates, and butcher paper using items like brushes, branches, sponges, and acorn tops. We will paint traditional pictures like a turkey, ear of corn, footballs, and the cornucopia. Literature choices this month will include “The Best Thanksgiving Ever,” “The Turkey Ball,” “Ten Fat Turkeys,” “Over the River,” “Turkey Talk,” and “One Little, Two Little Pumpkins.”

Toddler Topics

Fruits & Vegetables-Thanksgiving-Families-Native Americans

Toddlers will:

1. Learn the name, smell, and taste of familiar fruits and vegetables and that they are living plants that grow in the ground.
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. Native Americans helped early settlers.
5. Families are groups of people who live together. Families are made up of many different combinations.
6. Work on pre-academic skills such as putting puzzles together, sorting, matching, identifying and matching colors, and listening to stories.
7. Work on 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 be good practice using fine motor skills.

Pre-school and Pre-Kindergarten Topics

Autumn/Harvest Season, Native Americans, Thanksgiving

1. Talk about all of the wonderful things for which we are thankful.
2. Explore how Native Americans lived and communicated with each other.
3. Learn how the Native Americans helped the Pilgrims when they first arrived.
4. Learn about the first Thanksgiving celebrated by the Pilgrims and Native Americans.
5. Learn about and recognize patterns through art and creative activities.
6. Pre-Kindergarten 1 and 2 will be learning about the letters F, and G
7. Pre-school will be learning about the letters C, T and T and the shape this month will be the triangle.

Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd Grades

Walden Private Kindergarten through 2nd grade will be dismissed for the Thanksgiving holidays from Nov 24-28. Walden school will be closed Nov 27 and 28.

November is full of Fall fun. We will be studying Native Americans and the history of early America, apples, owl pellets, birds of prey and how the human eye works. We will be visiting the library. Watch for the date mid-November.

