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The Walden School

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Special Dates this month and early November:

- Fort Bend County Fair
Oct. 1-6.
- October 6 Concert in the Plaza at Sugar Land Town Square 7:00 p.m.
"Guppies from Outer Space"
- October 10—Library field trip for Walden Private Kindergarten through 5th grades.
- October 12—Firefighters visit with their fire truck at 9:00 a.m..
- October 18—Picture Day! In the morning
- October 21—International Festival at the Stafford Convention Centre
- October 27—George Ranch Texian Market Days—Celebrate Texas History from the 1830-s – 1940's
- October 30—Halloween Carnival from 6:45 to 8:00 p.m. \$5.00 family donation to Texas Wildlife Rehabilitation Coalition.
- November 8 will be our delivery date for Fund Raiser items.

Autumn Activities—Mark your Calendar!

Halloween Carnival

Our Annual Halloween Carnival will be held Tuesday, October 30. The Carnival will begin at 6:45 p.m. and end at 8:00 p.m. You may arrive any time during those hours. Children must be accompanied by their parent. All children and parents are invited to come in costume. There is a \$5.00 family donation paid at the door for each family attending the carnival. The profits collected will be donated to the Texas Wildlife Rehabilitation Coalition in the name of the Walden School Children. We will be happy to accept individually wrapped candies for the carnival. All donations are greatly appreciated. Sign-up sheets for candy donations will be posted on the bulletin board.



Halloween Carnival, Oct. 30.

Firefighters to visit

As part of our fire-prevention activities, the Sugar Land Firefighters will send a fire-truck to visit on Friday, October 12 at 9:00 a.m. The Pre-school, and Pre-Kindergarten will visit the fire truck. Kindergarten through 3rd grade will have a special class.

- Preparation is the best way to protect your family. Know the rules of fire prevention, stock your home with fire-safety items and make sure your family knows what to do in case of a fire. A little planning may save your life or the life of someone you love.

Individual Pictures for your child

Pictures will be taken on Thursday, October 18 in the morning. If you would like your child's picture to be taken, forms will be available on October 10th, or you can download one from our website at www.thewaldenschool.com. Payment will be due at ordering time. You will have several packages to choose from. If you would like your child to wear special clothing for his/her picture, please let your child's teacher know that you have brought items for them to change into. Group class pictures will be in Spring.



October Concepts and Activities

October—fall is in the air; the sky is a brilliant blue; leaves are a riot of color and crispy underfoot. Harvest products fill the market with golden hues. Autumn is a good time to talk about the change of seasons and how plants, animals and people are affected. October includes National Fire Prevention week and offers the opportunity for exciting activity with noisy fire trucks and brave firefighters. Halloween with its masks and spooky costumes brings October to a dramatic and fun close. Since Halloween can be a very scary time for young children, we will try to talk about many of the “spooky” things they will encounter during the holiday and carnival.

The shape and colors for October : **triangle, orange and black.**

TODDLER TOPICS

AUTUMN, HALLOWEEN, AND FIRE PREVENTION

- ◆ Toddlers will explore shapes, especially triangles, with a variety of art materials and in games and manipulative activities.
- ◆ Toddlers will explore the use of pumpkins as food by tasting food with pumpkin as an ingredient , and discover traditional jack-o-lanterns as well as examining the seeds of a pumpkin.
- ◆ Toddlers will work on exploring autumn weather, and loco-motor skills like jumping, leaping, and galloping.
- ◆ Toddlers will learn about the role of the firefighter and the equipment used to fight fires.
- ◆ Toddlers will explore dressing in costumes and experimenting with role play in both imaginary and real experiences.
- ◆ Toddlers will begin to learn self-help skills like putting away toys, throwing away lunch plates and cups, and putting on some items of clothing.

PRESCHOOL TOPICS

SPIDERS, BATS, FIRE PREVENTION, AUTUMN AND HALLOWEEN

- ◆ Preschoolers will learn to appreciate the role bats and spiders play in the eco-system instead of fearing them.
- ◆ Preschoolers will observe the changes in the weather, animals and plants during Autumn.
- ◆ Preschoolers will explore the role of the firefighter as they perform their job in our community.
- ◆ Preschoolers will explore dressing in costumes and experimenting with role play of both imaginary and real experiences.
- ◆ Preschoolers will work on pre-academic skills such as counting beats of music, making predictions, recognizing shapes in the natural environment and getting information from books.

NURSERY

Nursery will explore sensory activities. Some concepts learned during sensory activities will be using my hands and feet to explore objects, moving to music, tasting new items like pumpkin and exploring how these new textures feel in my mouth, touching objects with different textures, looking at my reflection in a mirror, observing things with my eyes, and listening to music and the sounds of speech. We will paint with orange and black, touch leaves, paint on paper pumpkins, touch applesauce , taste pumpkin, and explore outdoors during our buggy rides.

INFANTS

Infants continue to explore their world through sensory activities and group play. We will explore the traditional sights and sounds of Autumn. The Infants will paint at the easel with orange and black paints, they will use different techniques to paint with like using branches, fingers, rollers, sponges, etc. The Infants will decorate ghosts, pumpkins, witches, leaves, and scarecrow shapes. They will explore a pumpkin as we carve, remove seeds, and use the seeds and other types of leaves for an art activity. We will continue to expose the children to books and finger play activities like “Five Little Pumpkins,” and we will look forward to tasting pumpkin and cool whip!

PRE-KINDERGARTEN TOPICS

SPIDERS, BATS, FIRE PREVENTION, AUTUMN AND HALLOWEEN

- ◆ Pre-Kindergarteners will learn to appreciate the role bats and spiders play in the eco-system instead of fearing them.
- ◆ Pre-Kindergarteners will learn the growth cycle of a pumpkin, and explore the differences and alikeness of types of apples.
- ◆ Pre-Kindergarteners will explore the role of the firefighter as they perform their job in our community.
- ◆ Pre-Kindergarteners will explore dressing in costumes and experimenting with role play of both imaginary and real experiences.
- ◆ Pre-Kindergarteners will work on pre-academic skills such as tracing and cutting, counting beats of music, making predictions, recognizing shapes in the natural environment and getting information from books. Our letters for the month will be H, M, and E. We will focus on spatial relationships and number recognition from 1-10.

KINDERGARTEN THROUGH 3rd GRADES

Kindergarten and First grader’s academics will encompass: Signs of Fall, spiders, bats, Columbus, America, and Italy. Second grade will begin learning cursive letters and begin putting letters together to write words. Second and Third grades are beginning their second book in our reading series. In Science Second grade will begin working on “What Makes Me Sick”, and 3rd grade will begin working on “Roles of Living Things.” Spanish will center around the home, or casa. Spanish vocabulary will be numbers, and classroom objects as well as identifying the Spanish name for some everyday objects found in our home. Our recorders have arrived. We will be learning more about reading music and now we will be able to apply what we have learned to make music as well! Our visit to the library will be October 10, 2007.