

The Walden School

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2007 School Calendar for Kindergarten through 3rd Grades

August 27-First Day of Classes

September 3- Labor Day Holiday—Walden is closed

September 28—Student Holiday

Oct. 4—Noon Dismissal

November 9--Student Holiday

November 19—23 - Student Holiday

November 22—23 **Walden is closed** for the Thanksgiving Holiday

December 20—January 2- Winter Holiday-No classes-Walden is open for childcare.

December 25-Walden is closed for the Christmas Holiday

January 1, 2007-Walden is closed for the New Year's Day Holiday

January 3—Classes resume.

January 21--Student Holiday

February 21—Noon Dismissal

Feb. 29—Student holiday

March 17-21—Spring break

May 2-Student Holiday

May 26-Labor Day Holiday

June 5—Last day of class-11:00 dismissal

Welcome to Walden School. For returning and new families please join us in beginning a new school year by reading important information found in the monthly newsletters, on the bulletin board, and at the office. The classroom teachers are also happy to help you with information you may need to know. Please feel free to speak with them. If you have made any changes during the year in your address or phone numbers, please make sure all of your emergency phone numbers and contacts are up-to-date. Additionally, your child may have immunization additions which will need to be recorded. Please see the office staff to update that information.



Meet the Teachers

At the beginning of each year, we encourage our parents to visit their child's classroom.

We will hold a "Meet the Teacher" evening for parents to learn more about the program. The event will begin promptly at **6:00 p.m.** and child care will be available. Please check the following schedule for your child's date:

Nursery on Tues., Sept. 18

Infants -Tues. Sept. 18

Toddler 1-Wed., Sept. 26

Toddler 2- Wed., Sept. 19

Pre-School—Thurs., Sept. 20

Pre-K 1 Thurs, Sept 27

Pre-K 2 Tues., Sept 25

Kindergarten Wed., Sept. 12

First Grade-Thurs. Sept. 12

2nd/3rd Grade-Tues. Sept 18

Walden School is closed Monday, September 3 for the Labor Day Holiday.

Extra Curricular Activities

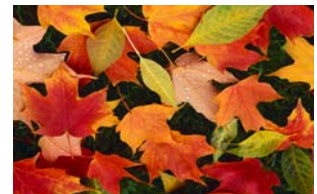
Walden offers a variety of activities each year. Enrollment information is available at the office and on our bulletin board.

Gymnastics with Bill Austin's Gymnastics School—for children 2 1/2 and older. Classes are once each week. A sixteen week session begins September 5. Please see the bulletin board for fees and starting dates.

Tap and Ballet Classes with Mrs. Nancy Sherman—for children age 3 and older. A recital is held in the Spring. Classes are once each week. Please see the bulletin board for fees and starting dates.

Ft. Bend YMCA Soccer league—for children age 3 and 4 there is an instructional league—children age 5 and above participate in a family friendly competitive league. The program is run by parent volunteers, and all families are required to participate in some capacity as coaches, assistants, or team parents. It's truly an event many families look forward to each year. Sign up will end Sept. 6. See the bulletin board for more information after the Labor Day Holiday.

Taekwondo Classes—for children currently in Pre-Kindergarten and above. Classes will be held once a week. See the bulletin board for more information after the Labor Day Holiday.



Nursery

Welcome new babies and new parents! We will be having fun with sensory activities to stimulate baby senses, and we also will be going for outside buggy rides and bubble play. It's always fun outside! Look for these activities this month:

- ◆ Painting School busses
- ◆ Painting with rolling balls
- ◆ Water and ice cube play
- ◆ Rice cereal tactile exploration
- ◆ GAK exploration (a goeey and sticky substance)
- ◆ Finger plays, books, and songs!

Infants

Children in the infants class will have a full, fun month. Sensory and fine motor activities will include using various media like crayons, markers, chalk, and paint with items like rollers, sponges, brushes, and branches. We'll use backgrounds of buses, apples, rulers, leaves, trees, foil, and stickers! Look for our window painting and experimenting with sour cream, rice, beans, gunk (yes, a real term). Colored shaving cream, and Jello in green, yellow, and orange. We'll talk about parts of our face, friends names, shapes, and colors. Buggy rides, and ball play will help fill our day.

HOMEWORK ROOM

Walden students in Kindergarten and above have access to a homework hour each Monday through Thursday from 4:30 to 5:30. Parents may request their child be monitored in attending. Please pick up an Afterschool Homework Sign-up in the office, and let us know your preferences in regard to your child.

Toddler Curriculum Goals for August/September

Welcome! Each month we will share with you the main themes that will be the focus of your child's exploration, play, stories, and songs. We encourage you to reinforce these topics as you talk with your children. August is a time of new beginning for both children and teachers. The young child encounters a new classroom, and different group of friends, and a new teacher. For the teacher it is a time to develop a new relationship with each child in her class. Activities and time spent in establishing a warm, caring community within the classroom will set the foundation for a happy, productive school year.

Topics for Toddlers will be: Me and My Body and Back to School

- ◆ Name and point to body parts.
- ◆ Study how we use our eyes, ears, noses, and mouths.
- ◆ Schools are places where children learn new things.
- ◆ School is a fun place to try new things and meet new friends.
- ◆ With a classroom routine and schedule, it helps to guide our fun day of learning.
- ◆ Work on physical skills including playing chase, climbing stairs, rolling balls, moving like pets, riding toys without pedals, hopping, jumping, and balancing, and developing fine motor writing skills.
- ◆ Work on artistic skills including Using glue and glue sticks, scribbling with crayons, mixing colors, and acting out words to songs and finger plays.
- ◆ Family and Camping (Toddler 2).

Pre-School Curriculum Goals for August/September



In order for children to become comfortable with classroom routine, we ask that parents please bring napping materials for children who nap on Monday mornings, and take them home on Friday for laundering. Please bring only small blankets and small pillows. Additionally, all children occasionally have need for a change of clothing. Please bring a change of clothing in a plastic zip-lock bag. Mark your child's name clearly on the inner

label of their clothing for identification. Please check your child's cubby daily for clothing which needs to be taken home.

We will be exploring several topics this month; with a great deal of emphasis on classroom dynamics, and courtesy. Children with the limited experiences of a three-year-old, often need help with effective language to convey their needs or to express themselves. We will be actively working to develop those life skills this month and in the continuing months to come. Pre-school begins work on phonics with "The Letter People" program. Development of number and letter

recognition is an on-going focus during our school year. Fine motor skills used in handwriting are developed through the use of diverse media and through our monthly focus themes. Our curriculum focus for the September will be:

- ◆ Back to school
- ◆ Saying hello
- ◆ We share, we're Kind
- ◆ We are all different & special
- ◆ What is opposite?
- ◆ Friends. Colors, shapes, numbers, tracing, and cutting.

Pre-Kindergarten Curriculum Goals for August/September

Pre-Kindergarten children will explore many learning opportunities during a focus on 3 subject areas this month; The story "Chicka, Chicka, Boom, Boom (Pre-K 2), a fun story about the ABC's, All about Apples (Pre-K 1), All About Me, and Friends. Pre-Kindergarten children will practice social interaction skills with peers and be focusing on a number of other developmental skills this month.

- ◆ The five senses
- ◆ Work on skills such as cutting with scissors, drawing and painting, building, singing, and dancing.
- ◆ Work on writing skills and language development.
- ◆ Work on pre-academic skills such as building vocabulary through math explorations, identifying

letters and sounds in our names, matching colors and shapes, and asking and answering questions, and listening.

As we grow into our routines this month, please help your child by providing a change of clothing to keep at school, and taking a few minutes each day to ask your child about his or her day. Your interest is priceless.