



The Walden School
March 2010
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Fall Registration

All children currently enrolled at The Walden School are guaranteed a space for the 2010-2011 school year provided they register no later than March 12. After that time, space cannot be guaranteed as registration will then be on a first-come, first-served basis. Classes are tentatively scheduled to begin August 23. All children currently enrolled are registered through August 20. New tuition fees are effective March 15. If you have not received your tuition letter, please see Mike.



Spring Fundraiser

Tell all your friends, the Cookie Dough is coming! March 22—April 6th. The profits from this sale will cover the remaining cost of the new playground equipment that was installed in the Fall. Thank you to our wonderful Walden families for helping us reach our goal. Pick up your brochure and take it to work, tell your neighbors and enjoy those cookies!

Soccer, T-Ball & Baseball

Practice for all teams begins the week of March 8.

There are no games scheduled for the Saturday, April 3rd.
Remember these dates:
1st game for all sports: Saturday, March 27
Last game for all sports: Saturday, May 15



March Highlights

- * Register for 2010-2011 school year by March 12th to guarantee a space for your child.
- * Spring Break for Kindergarten and above is March 15—19. No classes for Private Kindergarten and above. See the schedule of special activities at the bottom of this page.
- * The Tumble Bus will be here on Thursday, March 18 for Toddlers through 1st grade. The cost will be \$4 per child.
- * Library field trip for private Kindergarten through 2nd grade March 23.
- * Soccer/Baseball/T-Ball games will begin March 27 at the YMCA.
- * The HAAEYC conference is right around the corner! A majority of the Walden teachers attend and participate to continue their education and find out the latest teaching techniques. If you, or your company, would like to sponsor a teacher (s), now is the time! Please see Mike for more information
- * Easter Egg Hunt and party on Thursday, April 1st.
- * Walden will be closed, Friday, April 2nd for the Good Friday Holiday.



Week of the Young Child

April 11-17 is the nationwide celebration known as Week of the Young Child. Many issues regarding children are brought to national focus during that week. Members of the Walden School staff will be attending the Spring HAAEYC Conference on April 24 for training and education on issues affecting children in our care. If you, or



your company would like to sponsor a staff member's attendance, please speak with Mike. See the April newsletter for more information about our WOYC activities.

Spring Break Activities for Kindergarten and Above
March 15-19

Mon., 3-15-10	Special Spring Cooking Activity, 10:30am
Tues., 3-16-10	Kindergarten-1st Grade, Bowling, 9:30-12:00pm, \$6.00 2nd-Above, Bowling, 12:00-3:00pm, \$9.00
Wed., 3-17-10	Happy St. Patrick's Day! WEAR YOUR GREEN!
Thurs., 3-18-10	Kindergarten-1st Grade, Tumble Bus, 10:00am-12:00pm, \$4.00 2nd-Above, Laser Zone, 9:30am-12:30pm, \$9.00
Fri., 3-19-10	Movie & Popcorn Day! Let's chill out at Walden and have a blast! 1:00

March 2010

Yee Haw! It's rodeo time in Houston, and a great time for children to learn about cowboys and cowgirls, farm animals, and the state of Texas. Plan to stop by the Walden "bunk house" and see how cowboys and cowgirls live. March also brings weather that can be rainy or dry, hot or cold, and very windy, or calm. The Walden children will explore March's fascinating weather and hope to find a rainbow (maybe with gold at the end). March 17 is St. Patrick's Day and a fun way to learn about Ireland and other cultures and their holidays. Spring Break for Kindergarten and above is March 15-19, close to the first official day of Spring, March 20. The color this month is **green**. The shapes this month are **diamond, shamrocks, and Texas**.

Nursery & Infants

Nursery boys and girls will have a busy month playing with green and exploring texture and sounds. We will explore green Jell-O, water play, and the texture of green noodles. Painting on shamrock cut-outs, leprechaun hats will keep us busy. Parents, please remember to bring formula and diapers daily for your child.

The infants will explore rodeo days and our great Texas culture by using paint, crayons, chalk and markers with sponges, toothbrushes, paint brushes and rollers. We will decorate cut-outs of boots, cactus, cowboy hats, stars, state of Texas shapes, horses and cows. Green will be a focus as we explore St. Patrick's Day, clovers, pots-of-gold and leprechauns.

Toddlers

Wheels and Construction

In addition to learning about St. Patrick's Day, Rodeo and Texas, Toddlers will:

- Learn that many things have wheels: cars, trucks, buses, bicycles, tricycles, and wheelbarrows.
- Talk about how construction workers wear hard hats and tool belts and use special machines and tools.
- Learn about different trucks and their uses in construction; bulldozers, cement trucks, and dump trucks.
- Talk about ranches, farms, farm animals and the rodeo.
- Work on pre-academic skills such as identifying things that are round, identifying sounds tools make, and drawing circles.
- Work on physical skills such as moving in big ways and riding toys with wheels.

Pre-School

Texas and Farms

In addition to learning about the beginning of Spring, the children will:

- Learn about the rodeo and all the animals and people we see there.
- Learn about farms and farm animals.
- Study who St. Patrick was, and why we celebrate St. Patrick's Day. We will learn about weather, clouds, and rainbows.
- Pre-School will work on pre-academic skills such as recognizing rhyming words, number concepts 1-10. Pre-School will also focus on the letters W, C, and R.
- Pre-School will work on physical skills such as rolling balls, hitting a target with a beanbag, and putting on and taking off dress-up clothes. Pre-school 2 has enjoyed working with their program, Handwriting Without Tears.



Spring Break fun for all! The Tumble Bus will be here for children in Toddlers thru First Grade on Thursday

March 18 at 9:00am.

The cost will be \$4 per child.

Pre-Kindergarten

Texas and Farms

In addition to learning about the beginning of Spring, the children will:

- Learn about the rodeo and all the animals and people we see there.
- Learn about farms and farm animals.
- Learn about the great state of Texas.
- Pre-K will work on pre-academic skills such as recognizing rhyming words, number concepts 1-30. Pre-K will also focus on the letters T, R, and A.
- Pre-K will work on physical skills such as rolling balls, hitting a target with a beanbag, hopping, skipping, and galloping.



Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd Grade

We were so excited about our field trip to the new Sugar Land annex of the Museum of Natural Science last month.! Our special presentation show "Secret of the Cardboard Rocket" gave us lots of ideas about the sky. It was also fun to tour the new building and see all the exhibits.

Watch out, varmints—K-1 will be "Boot-Scootin" through Texas learning about treasured Texas landmarks and history. We will then fly across the Atlantic and end up on the Emerald Isle for an enchanted journey. Maybe we'll catch a leprechaun or a fairy. It's all about adventure! Our science labs will include solids, liquids, gases, rainbows, prisms, and magnets. The Kindergarteners are so excited about their home readers. Check the chart and watch their progress. There's so much more, but time and ecological factors (the cutting of trees for paper) do not allow for further explanation! Spring Break is March 15—19. Our trip to the library will be Tuesday, March 23..