

News and Notes - Walden Academy

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Walden CARES

Cooperation

Assertion

**Responsibility &
Respect**

Empathy

Self-Control



Upcoming Events

- ◆ 5/6-5/14: STAR Testing
- ◆ 5/27: Memorial Day - No School
- ◆ 5/29: End of Year Celebration
- ◆ 6/3: Last Good Morning Walden
- ◆ 6/7: Last day of school

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Director's News

Bike Rodeo

Walden Academy will be hosting its first Bike Rodeo on April 25 at 9 AM. The event will help teach students about bike safety. To participate, students must bring a bike and a helmet. All bikes must have proper locks.

Please return the enclosed form if your child will be participating in the Bike Rodeo on Thursday.

Independent Study

With the Glenn County Fair coming, I thought it would be good to remind families that independent study is available for absences of three or more days. To set up independent study, please speak with your teacher or the front office.

Independent study allows a student to keep up with classwork and helps Walden by providing funding for your student's attendance.

STAR testing is May 6-10.

Summer Reading Decline

I work with a group of readers every Monday and notice a difference after our breaks. I always ask if they have been reading. They are honest with me and while a few say they have been keeping up over the break, most admit they have not. Research shows that reading over the summer break can make a big difference. Here are a few facts

from serve.gov:

Children who are not engaged in learning between school years suffer from "summer learning loss." Many of the achievement gaps that continue to exist for disadvantaged students today result not from students falling behind during the school year but rather losing out on chances to learn over the summer.

Did you know that if a young person reads only five books over the summer, the effect "is potentially large enough to prevent a decline in reading achievement scores from the spring to the fall?"

Did you know that if a young person is read to at least three times a week, that person is twice as likely to score in the top 25% of reading

In the coming weeks, I will be sending home more information about what we can do to keep up our students' academic levels over the summer.

Upcoming Enrichment

4/24: Drama, Spanish & Bureau of Reclamation
5/1: Drama & Art
5/8: Drama & USDA