

# The Reef



by Coral Reef Academy

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**Special Dates:**  
4/2- Closed for Good Friday  
4/4- Easter

**Charitable/Community Corner**  
For the month of March, bring in canned goods to help refill local food pantries in Brevard County.  
**Canned goods of all kinds.  
Canned Veggies, Canned Soups,  
Canned Fruits...ANYTHING CANNED!**  
Please drop your donations off in the lobby

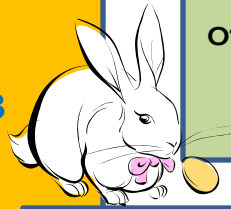


\*\*Coral Reef Academy is now a nationally accredited preschool! \*\*  
The National Accreditation Council on Early Childhood Education (National Early Childhood Program Accreditation) recognizes childcare providers which show an exceptional commitment to professional and programmatic quality in their centers. We began the accreditation process over a year ago. In November of 2009, we were evaluated and we received our acceptance letter and certificate in March of 2010.

**BIRTHDAYS:**  
MS. NINA- 6  
MS. LISA M.- 15

KYIRE B.- 2  
KIARA P.- 3  
SAGE J.- 3  
KEVARRIS C.- 8  
LILLY L.- 8  
JUDE S.- 9  
ALEXIS K.- 9  
IZAIAH G.- 10  
SEBASTIAN R.- 12  
EVAN T.- 12  
ALYSSA K.- 15  
JAMES A.- 18  
KAMERON C.- 20  
COLE H.- 24

**APRIL 2010 THEME: THE GARDEN**  
COLOR: PURPLE      SHAPE: DIAMOND  
NUMBER: 12      LETTERS: U, V, W  
OPPOSITES: BIG / SMALL      VALUE: RESPECT  
TRANSPORTATION: BOAT  
OTHER TOPICS: SEEDS & PLANTS, GROWING FOOD - BEHAVIOR ON THE TRIP, IN THE CAR AND IN THE STORE  
SPECIAL EVENTS: PASSOVER & EASTER



“Teaching kids to dream with their eyes wide open”

Teacher of the month:  
Mrs. Shirrell. Mrs. Shirrell is our assistant teacher. She has a positive and bubbly personality that makes her connect well with the children and parents alike. Mrs. Shirrell is not afraid to go the extra mile for us and is very versatile. It is an honor to have her on staff here at Coral Reef Academy. Keep up the great work Mrs. Shirrell!!!!

**VPK Sign Up**  
We are now accepting reservations for next Fall's VPK class. If your child turns 4 on or before Sept. 1st, 2010, he/she is eligible for this FREE program. Please see the front office to reserve your spot now! Don't forget to apply for your child's VPK eligibility certificate. You can do so on Tuesday, May 11th, 2010. The location is The Quality Inn at 1881 Palm Bay Road NE Palm Bay, FL. ( You must bring a valid photo ID, child's birth certificate, and proof of residency.)

School age program summer sign up:  
Summer break is fast approaching and we have a lot of fun activities planned. We are trying to get a rough estimate of how many children will be attending our program and field trips. If your school aged child will be attending over the summer please sign up at the front desk.

"The greatest compliment you can give us is the referral of family and friends"

On Friday the 23rd the Pre-K will be having a Trike-A-Thon to raise benefit St. Jude's Hospital. More details to come.



# Crafty Corner

Go ahead and break the mold when decorating your eggs this year

-- and have an eggs-traordinary time in the process. We've substituted crayons for conventional egg dye, coloring right on still-warm hard-boiled eggs. The heat melts the wax, creating smooth swaths of color.

Materials Eggs  
White vinegar  
Paper towels  
Crayons

Instructions Boil the eggs in a mixture of water and vinegar (about 1 1/2 tablespoons of vinegar for every cup of water) for 10 minutes, then turn off the heat. Carefully remove a hot egg (parents only) and let it cool for about 10 minutes. (Leave the others in the water until you're almost ready to decorate them, so they stay warm.)

Holding the egg on a paper towel, draw on the shell with the crayons. To avoid smudging your design when turning the egg, carefully lift it from the paper towel, turn it, then set it back down. Let the design set for about 30 minutes before handling

## Easter Egg Hunt

How many Easter eggs can you find?



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Coloring Corner



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Put ribbons on branches of trees to see the wind blowing (Science)	2 Help your child make a wind sock to hang outside. (Art/Science)	3
4 	5 Sing a song about the wind. (Music)	6 Give your child different kinds of hats to play with. (Dramatic Play)	7 Build houses with blocks. (construction)	8 Grow some grass in a cup of dirt. Let your child water occasionally. (Nature)	9 Discuss "empty and full" (Opposites)	10 
11	12 Sing "the ABC Song". (Music)	13 Make a list with your child of the signs of spring. (Thinking Skills)	14 Hide an alarm clock or timer that ticks. (Problem Solving)	15 Read nursery rhymes to your child. (Rhymes)	16 Read a book with your child and ask questions along the way. (reading)	17
18	19 Make & decorate a paper kite. (Art)	20 Make up a kite song with your child. (Music)	21 Look for words that start with the letter "A", like "April" and "Apple". (Letters)	22 Let your child finger paint with colors of spring. (Art)	23 How many things can you think of that go "up" and "down"? (Opposites/Language)	24
25 	26 Go on a walk to look for signs of spring. (Nature)	27 Send a greeting to family member or friend with a picture drawn by your child. (Writing)	28 	29 Teach your child a counting rhyme, like "One, Two Buckle My Shoe". (Math)	30	