

The Reef

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Have A Safe & Happy Independence Day

*Teacher of the Month:
Ms. Shannon.*

Ms. Shannon wears many hats at Coral Reef. She has tried her hand in several classrooms in the past few months for us. She has willingly stepped in to help out wherever needed. We are pleased to announce that she has settled in to be a three year old teacher along with Ms. Joanne. Thank you Ms. Shannon for being such a team player.

***Please make sure that your child has a complete change of clothes in their class at all times. This is in case of potty accidents or just getting messy. Sometimes even our big kids spill their juice! ☺ ***



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Please be sure to that when you drop your child off directly to a staff member. It is not safe to simply let the child walk down the hallways by themselves. Also, when picking up you child please be sure that you take the time to speak to the teacher. They may have important information about your child's day to relay to you.



Water Play Days Are HERE!!!

Water play days will be held every week from now until the end of summer during the morning hours. Thursday- 1's, 2's, and transitional 3's
Friday- 3's, 4's, and 5's
School agers already get a pool day every week ☺ Please be sure to apply sunscreen to your child.



Birthdays:

Ms. Ebony 7/2
Ms. Leann 7/29
Ms. Arianna 7/31

Rodney C. 7/1
Michael P. 7/2
Le'Nard J. 7/6
Jaden L. 7/6
Jabreel B. 7/9
Sadie M. 7/13
Zora H. 7/14
Kent M. 7/15
Nicolas B. 7/18
Cameron S. 7/18
Isabel L. 7/18
Julia H. 7/23
Aymi F. 7/23
Kalina F. 7/25
Sebastian P. 7/25
Matthew W. 7/27

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

"Teaching kids to dream with their eyes wide open"

Celebrate Independence Day

By the middle of the 1700s, the 13 colonies that made up part of England's empire in the New World were finding it difficult to be ruled by a king 3,000 miles across the Atlantic Ocean. They were tired of the taxes imposed upon them. But independence was a gradual and painful process.

The colonists could not forget that they were British citizens and that they owed allegiance to King George III.

A "tea party" and a "Massacre" were two events that hurried destiny. Along with general unrest these events united the colonists. In 1767 a tea company in India, owned by England, was losing money. To save the company, England levied a tax on tea sold in the colonies in 1773. Partly as a joke, Samuel Adams and other Bostonians dressed up as Indians and dumped a cargo of the India Company Tea into the Massachusetts Bay. King George III did not think it was funny, nor did he lift the tax on tea. In the Boston harbor, British soldiers were jeered and stoned by colonists who thought the soldiers had been sent to watch them. The soldiers fired into the crowd and killed a few citizens. The colonists exaggerated the number killed and called it a massacre.

Virginia took the first step toward independence by voting to set up a committee to represent the colonies. This First Continental Congress met in September of 1774. They drew up a list of grievances against the crown which became the first draft of a document that would formally separate the colonies from England. George Washington took command of the Continental Army and began fighting the British in Massachusetts. For the next eight years, colonists fought fervently in the Revolutionary War.

In the meantime, a war of words was being waged in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. On July 2, 1776, the Second Continental Congress presented & debated a second draft of the list of grievances, and John Hancock, the president of the Second Continental Congress, was the first to sign. The document, called the Declaration of Independence, was treasonous against the crown and the fifty-six men who signed it were in danger of being executed.

Independence Day is celebrated on July 4 because that is the day when the Continental Congress adopted the final draft of the Declaration of Independence. From July 8, 1776, until the next month, the document was read publicly and people celebrated whenever they heard it. The next year, in Philadelphia, bells rang and ships fired guns, candles and firecrackers were lighted. But the War of Independence dragged on until 1783, and in that year, Independence Day was made an official holiday. 1941 Congress declared 4th of July a federal holiday.

John Adams, a lawyer, the first Vice President and the Second President of the United States, was one of the members of the Second Continental Congress who signed the Declaration of Independence. He wrote to his wife, "I believe that it will be celebrated by succeeding generations as the great anniversary festival... it ought to be celebrated by pomp and parade, with shows, games, sports, guns, bells, bonfires and illuminations from one end of this continent to the other..."

John Adams may have predicted the later Independence Day celebrations or perhaps he started traditions with his words. Every July fourth, Americans have a holiday from work. Communities have day-long picnics with favorite foods like hot dogs, hamburgers, potato salad, baked beans and all the fixings. The afternoon activities would not be complete without lively music, a friendly baseball game, three-legged races and a pie-eating or watermelon-eating contests. Some cities have parades with people dressed as the original founding fathers who march in parades to the music of high school bands. At dusk, people in towns and cities gather to watch the fireworks display. Wherever Americans are around the globe, they will get together for a traditional 4th of July celebration!

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INDIVISIBLE, WITH LIBERTY AND JUSTICE FOR ALL."***