

Why choose this school?

Because we...

- ❖ have a strong emphasis on reading skills
- ❖ have a nurturing family school atmosphere
- ❖ are designed for every child to succeed and develop self-esteem and confidence
- ❖ offer remedial, practice, and enrichment activities with small group instruction
- ❖ use research based strategies and programs that have been proven to work
- ❖ encourage children to learn cooperation, manners, morals, values, responsibility along with respect or self and others
- ❖ require uniforms
- ❖ have a dedicated team of state certified educators
- ❖ teach to your child's reading level
- ❖ offer a before and after school program
- ❖ have an active Parent-Teacher Academy

A PRIVATE SCHOOL EDUCATION

at a

public school price!

Instruction in:

Reading, Language Arts, Math, Science, Social Studies,
Physical Education, Art, and Music

What is a Charter School?

A charter school is a public school of choice, owned and operated by a not for profit Corporation. (Reading Edge Academy Inc.) Executive Board meetings are held and open to the public. We are accountable for your child's academic progress to the state through the Volusia County School Board. We are funded with state and federal money as are all public schools. Our students take the Florida Comprehensive Achievement Tests (FCAT).

Reading

Edge

Academy

Dolphins



Volusia County's

Premier Charter School

Serving grades K-5

Founded 1998

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THE READING EDGE ACADEMY

Is dedicated to launching children's academic careers
with success, confidence, and a
love for reading

The vision and purpose of the Reading Edge Academy is to ensure a firm foundation in all core subjects. The program of the school is built upon the following three research-based concepts:

1. No goal of reform is as important as seeing that all children start off their school careers with success, confidence, and a firm foundation in reading.
2. Since, after third grade, children generally perform at a similar level of quality for the rest of their academic career, the time for assessing children's progress and needs and designing appropriate educational strategies to help them must come during the critical years before fourth grade.
3. Each child is a unique person with an individual pattern and timing of growth, therefore, the children must be allowed to move at their own pace in acquiring important skills including those of writing, reading, math, social studies, science, art, music, health, and physical activity.

Children are our future

The Reading Edge Academy is a safe place:

A place:

- ❖ Where people are kind. Kindness, consideration, and forgiveness are the usual way of life.
- ❖ Where there is real laughter, that comes from sharing meaningful work and play
- ❖ Where there are rules. The rules are few and fair and are made by the adults and children that live there.
- ❖ Where people listen to one another because they care about each other and show that they do.

The curriculum is designed to develop children's knowledge and skills in all developmental areas ----physical, social, emotional, and intellectual----and to help children learn *how to learn* in order to establish a foundation for lifelong learning. The Academy uses Open Court for its reading series. Open Court is a scientifically based reading program that has been around for nearly four decades and is proven to work. Its strong phonic program is a key element to a child's success in learning to read.

Instruction is delivered in such a way as to develop children's self-esteem, sense of competence, and positive feelings toward learning.

Teaching will occur primarily through direct instruction, projects, and learning centers that teachers plan and that reflect children's needs, interests, and real-life experiences. These hands-on, minds-on activities will enrich the learning experience by extending the children's ideas, responding to their questions, engaging them in conversation, and challenging their thinking.

Teachers will encourage the children to evaluate their own work and will assist them in figuring out for themselves how to improve.

Parents/guardians are viewed as partners in the educational process and are encouraged to be involved in the instructional program whenever possible. Each family is required to do 30 hours of volunteer work for the school each year to secure a place for their child for the following year. Parents/guardians are expected to get their child to school on time ready to work.

The Academy offers lunches through School Way Café and is part of the free and reduce federal lunch program.