

# Arden Reading Clinic

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Hello~

Wow, January flew right past us!! As we anticipate spring and the warm days to come, we also recognize that it is time to gear up for the springtime assessments of our children as schools and homeschool educators begin planning for their grade-level placement next fall. In our pages you will find links to timely articles about new federal legislation impacting education, as well as how the current standards affect children with learning differences. Please know that we are a clearinghouse for much of this information and wish to be one of your resources as you work to educate yourself on where to find help in our community and on the internet. Likewise, when you find additional resources that we haven't already listed, please share them with us.

Looking forward to a fruitful spring,

Marcy Sirkin – Owner/Director

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## New Legislation Impacting our Children

From Ann Doss Helms of the [Charlotte Observer](#): "Passage of [the] Every Student Succeeds Act could change testing, teacher evaluations, school ratings, and takeover of low-performing schools." The replacement for the federal No Child Left Behind Act was approved this past December and should provide the states more flexibility with regard to "testing students, rating schools, evaluating teachers, spending federal money, and taking over low-performing schools." Read more of Ms. Helms' blog explaining the changes that ESSA (the acronym of the new act) may bring in 2017 and how you can get involved at:

<http://www.charlotteobserver.com/news/local/education/your-schools-blog/article53155315.html>

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## Upcoming Events

### February 1

February tuition due

### February 27

Last day of the February billing cycle

### March 1

March tuition due

### March 26

Last day of the March billing cycle

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## Reminder

Please remember that the clinic **DOES NOT** close for school holidays/closings such as President's Day, snow days, or Teacher Workdays. Your tutor will expect to see your child on those days unless the two of you have made other arrangements

**The clinic will be closed  
March 27 – April 2 for Spring  
Break.**

## More Important News

### Success Stories

You may have heard of this guy. He's dyslexic!!

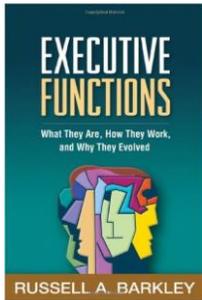
In recognition of his numerous exceptional contributions to medicine, Dr. Cosgrove was elected to the Institute of Medicine (IOM) in 2013. Election to the IOM is considered one of the highest honors in the fields of health and medicine and recognizes individuals who have demonstrated outstanding professional achievement and commitment to service. Congrats to Dr. Cosgrove!



"Delos ('Toby') M. Cosgrove, M.D., is president and chief executive officer of Cleveland Clinic. Under his leadership, Cleveland Clinic has experienced improved clinical outcomes and increased patient satisfaction, and expanded locally, nationally and internationally." From the Yale Center for Dyslexia & Creativity.



### Recommended Reading



"Russell A. Barkley presents a model of EF (executive functions) that is rooted in meaningful activities of daily life. He describes how abilities such as emotion regulation, self-motivation, planning, and working memory enable people to pursue both personal and collective goals that are critical to survival." Published in 2012. From Amazon.

### February Billing Cycle

M	T	W	TH	F	S	S
2/1	2/2	2/3	2/4	2/5	2/6	2/7
2/8	2/9	2/10	2/11	2/12	2/13	2/14
2/15	2/16	2/17	2/18	2/19	2/20	2/21
2/22	2/23	2/24	2/25	2/26	2/27	2/28

## In the Community

From [www.interdys.org](http://www.interdys.org):

Check out [interdys.org](http://interdys.org) for an update on "Dyslexia Laws in the U.S." Also, look for the fact sheet entitled, "Common Core State Standards and Students with Disabilities," to learn how these standards impact our children.

### Yale Center for Dyslexia & Creativity

At <http://dyslexia.yale.edu/> click on the "For Parents" banner at the top and choose "Interpreting Test Results," for a sensitive and helpful view of this issue.

### Common Core State Standards

Check out the link below for some math and language arts materials you can use with your child to help him/her meet the common core standards.

<http://achievethecore.org/>