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Greetings to all ~

The recent snow was beautiful, but I must say I am always happy when the clinic can get back to a normal schedule. Please remember we remain open during inclement weather. We do not follow school closings. If you cannot make it to the clinic we understand, but please let your child's tutor know so they may adjust their schedules and accommodate other students. We have many great articles for you to read in this month's newsletter; take a moment and refuel your passion and commitment to learning through Daniel and Willard's stories of resilience. In addition, Diane Wilkey, is now 'officially' our office manager at ARC on M/W/F mornings 8:30-1:30, and a tutor on T/Th afternoons. If you have questions regarding billing or scheduling, please call or email Diane and she will get back to you during her office hours.

Happy Winter,

Marcy Sirkin – Owner/Director

FROM THE INTERNATIONAL DYSLEXIA WEBSITE:

Champion of Early Intervention and TeamQuest Visits Home Office

“The International Dyslexia Association (IDA) recently had the honor and privilege of hosting the youngest and most spirited [TeamQuest](#) Champion, Daniel Douglas, when he and his family visited the IDA home office on December 28th. The Douglas family was in Maryland visiting relatives for the holidays.



Daniel with his parents, Mike and Regina, and sister Lili

Daniel represents the many elementary school children with dyslexia who are learning to read through decoding techniques supported by [IDA certified tutors](#) and [structured literacy](#). IDA members were first introduced to this bright and well-spoken third grader at IDA's [annual conference in Orlando](#) earlier this year when Daniel, with the help of mother, Regina, spoke about early diagnosis and intervention to an audience of 700 attendees at the conference kick-off. Daniel, who is currently reading on grade level, works with Milaura Spelman Reading Specialist & Speech/Language Pathologist and [Florida IDA](#) member.

Join us in 2017, as we strive with the help of Daniel, his family, and so many others to reach our [Destiny](#)...to create a future for all individuals who struggle with dyslexia and other related reading differences so that they may have richer, more robust lives and access to the tools and resources they need.”



Upcoming Events

January 2

First day of the first billing cycle. Tuition due.

January 29

Last day of the first billing cycle.

January 30

First day of the second billing cycle. Tuition due.

February 26

Last day of the second billing cycle.

Reminder

Please remember that the clinic **DOES NOT** close for school holidays/closings such as MLK Jr. Day or Teacher Workdays.

We **do not** automatically close during inclement weather; please contact your child's tutor if you cannot make it to the clinic.

More Important News

Success Story

Willard Wigan, Sculptor who's also dyslexic!!



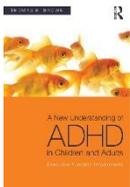
"It began when I was five years old. I started making houses for ants because I thought they needed somewhere to live. Then I made them shoes and hats. It was a fantasy world I escaped to where my dyslexia didn't hold me back and my teachers couldn't criticize me. That's how my career as a micro-sculptor began."

Many dyslexics have a remarkable ability to think outside the box; but artist Willard Wigan puts a twist on out-of-the-box thinking by crafting micro sculptures so tiny that many of them could fit *inside* a box—a very small box. He has recreated scenes from the bible, as well as from pop-culture, such as Homer Simpson holding Bart up in the air by the neck. Wigan's art often occupies the eye of a needle, or like the Simpsons, the head of a pin. They are so small that they can only be seen with the help of a high-powered microscope. His ingenuity and unique perspective have earned him respect, appreciation, fame, and, well, a lot of money.

The respect and appreciation have been a long time in coming, considering that as a schoolboy growing up in 1960's Birmingham, England, he was ridiculed by teachers and peers alike for not being able to read. No one talked about dyslexia in those days, and so young Willard's learning problems went undiagnosed, and his teachers told him that he was stupid and would never amount to anything. They paraded him in front of the classroom, and when he could not do the work, one of his teachers pointed to him and explained to the class that, "Willard is an example of failure." [Read more at the Yale Center website.](#)

Recommended Reading

A New Understanding of ADHD in Children and Adults: Executive Function Impairments



Book by Thomas E. Brown

"For over 100 years, ADHD has been seen as essentially a behavior disorder. Recent scientific research has developed a new paradigm which recognizes ADHD as a developmental disorder of the cognitive management system of the brain, its executive functions. This cutting-edge book pulls together key ideas of this new understanding of ADHD, explaining them and

describing, in understandable language, scientific research that supports this new model." *Published 2013*

Billing Cycle 1- January

M	T	W	TH	F	S	S
1/2	1/3	1/4	1/5	1/6	1/7	1/8
1/9	1/10	1/11	1/12	1/13	1/14	1/15
1/16	1/17	1/18	1/19	1/20	1/21	1/22
1/23	1/24	1/25	1/26	1/27	1/28	1/29



In the Community

From Stanford Magazine:

This article is from 1999, but it offers valuable insight into the possibilities for students with learning differences.

alumni.stanford.edu

At <http://dyslexia.yale.edu/>

"Instead of worrying about what is in their child's file, parents should make sure that crucial information is shared among their child's teachers."

Click on: "The [Privacy Dilemma](#)"

www.ecac-parentcenter.org

The 2017 Matthew C. Graziadei Achievement Scholarship Award package available now!

The Exceptional Children's Assistance Center is proud to offer the Matthew C. Graziadei Achievement Scholarship Award to a North Carolina high school senior with a disability.

<http://www.rtinetwork.org/>

Check out "Considerations for English Language Learners" in the K-5 drop-down in the right-hand box. You'll find current research relating to English Language Learners.