

# Arden Reading Clinic

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Happy Holidays! I love the energy in the air and the excitement reflected in the eyes of the children. The lights, the search for the perfect gift for a loved one, yummy, sinful, baked goods; what a wonderful season! Magical, but sadly not for all. In this mad rush, please remember those less fortunate and the gift of giving to those in need.

My warmest wishes to you and your families; see you in the New Year! Clinic resumes Monday, January 5, 2015.

Marcy – Owner/Director

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## Tutor – Geri Garfinkel

I have been so lucky to be with ARC since December of 2001. Originally, I worked at the South Clinic with a handful of after-school students. After moving to the North clinic, my tutoring role expanded. Now I teach numerous home-schoolers in the morning, a few students at their own schools and after-schoolers at the clinic.

My background is varied. I hold a B.S. in Mass Communication from Boston University with a concentration in Public Relations. I have worked in P.R., education, public radio, retail, and even for a few years in a hospital! But now I prefer the micro-communication of working one-on-one. I often come up with creative ways to help each student grow and learn.

Learning should never be boring. Here at ARC, I'm known for all the toys I have around. Shells, stones, games, the stuffed frog and the bouncy-board make learning fun. And when my students enjoy the process, I know they'll keep working hard!

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## Upcoming Events

### December 1

December tuition due

### December 19

Final day of the December billing cycle

### January 5

January tuition due

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## Important Announcement

Although the clinic will be **closed** the weeks of **December 22 – January 2** for the holidays, your child still receives a **full 4 week cycle**. We will see your child again beginning Monday, January 5th.

Also, please note that the clinic **DOES NOT** close for school holidays/closings such as MLK Jr.'s Birthday and snow days. Your tutor will expect to see your child on those days.

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## More Important News

**Please Look for Winter Calendar and Important New Policy and Procedures for January 2015. Check email on Wednesday 12/10/14.**

### Best Tutoring Service!!

In November, Arden Reading Clinic was voted #1 for the "Family Choice Award Winner" by the readers of "WNC Parent" magazine as the best tutoring service in Western North Carolina. We're very proud of this honor and grateful to those who named us number one. All of us at ARC work hard to discern and meet the specific educational needs of each of our students. It is gratifying to know that our efforts are recognized and appreciated. Thank you!

### Success Story

Kate turned thirteen just before her second summer of tutoring. She arrived at the clinic one day with an enormous bag of books. While her tutor (Geri) watched, she made towers of books on the table. There must have been 15 – 20 books in all! "Ok," she asked her tutor, "which books did I read last summer, and which books did I read this summer?" Her tutor made some effort to guess, separating a handful of books that appeared easier for the "last summer" category, and a few harder books for the "this summer" category. Grabbing one book, Kate said, "I read this ONE last summer, and all THESE others this summer!" Kate was so proud of herself at that moment. Kate's tutor leaned over and gave her a high-five!

Kate is now a student at UNC-Greensboro. She will complete her Bachelor's in English Rhetoric in May. After that, she plans to continue her English studies in Graduate School. Not bad for one who came so late to reading!

### December Billing Cycle

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



## In the Community

**Understood** – A new website for parents of children with learning and attention issues. See more at:

<http://www.understood.org/en>

**At Understood:**

**Webinar: IEP's in the Trenches**

**Friday, December 5 at Noon**

Covers advocating for your student's rights and school services.

**dyslexia.yale.edu**

Check out the website for a discussion of the best tablet features for dyslexics from the perspective of a dyslexic high-school student.

**The SAT is Changing**

The first administration of the redesigned SAT will be in the spring of 2016 and will impact students enrolling in college in the fall of 2017. Learn more about the changes at [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org)