

Arden Reading Clinic

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Greetings ~

With the long and often gloomy winter days we've had these last two months, Spring Break Fever is setting in, and our tutors are as excited as their students to break into some fun! So, to throw a bit of merriment at this woeful weather we would each like to share what we will be up to over break ...

Marcy~ I am flying to Merida in the Yucatan on April 2nd to spend time with my daughter, Hannah, who is doing a semester abroad. We are eager to experience one of the 7 Wonders of the World, Chichen Itza.

Charlotte plans to relax at home with her dog Lenny and her friends. She hopes to get in some hiking if the weather is good.

Diane is flying to Denver to spend a few days skiing and hanging out with her snowboarding daughter, Sarah, who moved to Denver last summer.

Kelsey will spend the break in sunny Sedona, Arizona visiting her family. She'll do lots of hiking and gorging on chips and salsa.

Patrece's son is getting married on April 7th, so she will spend the break getting ready for his wedding!!

Whatever you do, we hope you'll enjoy a warm and restful week with your family!

Important note regarding Summer 2018! Spring break is just around the corner, and the sweet smell of summer will soon be here. Now is the time to start thinking about summer tutoring! Although we remain uncertain as to the exact date our Summer 2018 will begin, due to possible snow days on the horizon, we remain hopeful we will know before we leave for break, April 2nd. I know summer is an ideal time for family vacations and recognize the importance of relaxation and spending quality time with one another. Therefore, we are flexible and will plan around your vacation dates, your child's summer camp activities, even possible trips to visit grandparents and friends. Remember, summer tutorial is an excellent time to increase intensity in programming; we have seen noticeable gains when a student adds additional hours. In the summer letter you will be provided with an outline sharing specific dates for sign up. In fairness, our sign up is always based on student seniority, contingent on the deadline for enrollment.



Upcoming Events

February 26

First day of March billing cycle
3. Billing cycle is 4 weeks long.

March 1

March tuition due.

March 26

First day of April billing cycle 4.
Tuition due 4/1/18

April 2 – April 8

Clinic closed for Spring Break.

Reminder

Please remember that the clinic **DOES NOT** close for school closings such as Teacher Workdays and snow days.

The clinic **WILL CLOSE** for Spring Break – **April 2nd – April 8th**. You are not charged tuition for that week. Your April tuition covers 4 weeks and is your regular monthly amount.

More Important News

Testimonials

One of Patrece's former students graduated from high school this winter. Patrece surprised Ellen by attending her graduation and received this thank-you note a few days later:

"Dear Patrece:

Thank you so much for all you did for Ellen. We couldn't have made it without you! You were such a gift to our family.

I hope you're doing well. Thanks again for everything!

Love, Ellen's mom"



Success Story



Liz Ball, Teacher at the Beth Chana Academy, Dyslexic

In 1996, Elizabeth "Liz" Ball spearheaded a class-action lawsuit against Boston University for disparaging comments made by the university president about students with disabilities, and for the school's refusal to grant them waivers from the foreign language requirement. The landmark case *Guckenberger v. Boston University* helped to interpret federal and state antidiscrimination laws and mandated monetary awards to students who had been discriminated against. As a lawyer and consultant on disability law and education, Ball later helped various colleges, high schools, and elementary schools establish and implement their Academic Support Services. She set up the program at Miss Porter's School to serve students with learning issues, and was a member of a five-part team of learning specialists at The Foote School. She currently works as a therapeutic riding assistant at Turning Point Farm Animal Assisted Therapy Services, and teaches English and Algebra at Beth Chana Academy.

By **Liz Attebery** [read more about Liz Ball at dyslexia.yale.edu](http://dyslexia.yale.edu).

Billing Cycle 3 - March

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

In the Community

Here's another fascinating success story from Yale about author John Irving:

<http://dyslexia.yale.edu/story/john-irving/>

One university that is taking a more holistic approach to admissions:

<http://utdmercury.com/utd-eliminates-automatic-admission-based-test-scores/>

From Understood.org, several good articles about bullying:

[The Bullying Problem: What You Need to Know](#)

[Bullying Laws](#)

[At a Glance: Who can Help with Bullying](#)

In case you haven't seen it, we have a new 21st century website. Check it out!

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