

Arden Reading Clinic

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Greetings ~

Finally, Spring has arrived! The sweet smell of grass and flowers, coupled with this warm weather, makes me feel like I am wrapped in a blanket, fresh from the dryer! In this spirit of renewal, we will have the outside patio and steps repaired and rejuvenated with a new coat of paint during spring break. And ... this month Lil' Whiskey, our clinic mascot/puppy, will celebrate his 1st birthday! What joy abounds, and to think summer is just around the corner. Wishing you a Happy Easter and Pascha! I look forward to seeing everyone back at the clinic the week of April 22nd.

With gratitude,

Marcy Sirkin – Owner/Director

Important note about Summer 2019

Summer is coming, and our tutoring signups will begin on **Monday, April 22nd**, the day we reopen after Spring Break. We emailed our annual summer letter on March 8th with all the details you need for signing up your student. We know that summer is an ideal time for family vacations and summer enrichment camps, so we are flexible and will plan around your vacation dates, summer camp activities, and trips to visit grandparents and friends. Although our school-year schedules are static and regular, summer schedules are more fluid and accommodating. Just give us your student's vacation/camp dates, and we will customize his or her schedule to fit in a minimum of 20 tutoring hours over the 10 (or 11) week summer mini-mester. Remember, summer tutorial is an excellent time to increase intensity in programming; we have seen noticeable gains when a student adds additional hours.



Upcoming Events

March 25

First day of April billing cycle #4. Tuition is due April 1st.

April 15

Spring break begins and clinic is closed. Clinic will reopen on April 22nd.

April 29

First day of May billing cycle #5. Tuition is due May 1st.

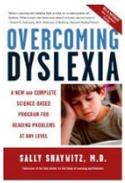
Important Announcement

Please remember that the clinic **WILL CLOSE** for Spring Break **April 15th - 21st**. You are not charged tuition for that week. Your April tuition covers 4 weeks and is your regular monthly tuition amount.

Also, please note that the clinic **DOES NOT** close for Memorial Day.

More Important News

Book Recommendation



[Overcoming Dyslexia](#)

[Sally Shaywitz, M. D.](#)

“One in five American children has trouble reading. But they are not stupid or lazy. In *Overcoming Dyslexia*, Dr. Sally Shaywitz, co-director of the Yale Center for Dyslexia & Creativity, offers the latest information about reading problems and proven, practical techniques that, along with hard work and the right help, can enable anyone to overcome them. Here are the tools that parents and teachers need to help the dyslexic child, age by age, grade by grade, step by step.”

Success Story

Gareth Cook, Pulitzer Prize-Winning Journalist-Dyslexic



“Winning a Pulitzer is an extraordinary achievement for anyone, particularly a person with dyslexia. As a child, Gareth read slowly, had difficulty writing in cursive, and failed miserably in spelling. He can still recall the humiliation of fifth-grade spelling bees. And the scowl on the face of his seventh-grade English teacher as he passed back another spelling test splattered with red marks. Cook’s most challenging problem, as he got older, was an inability to take good handwritten notes while listening to a teacher or lecturer.

In “Life with Dyslexia,” a 2003 article he wrote for the *Boston Globe*, Cook describes those early problems, as well as others that persist, including his ‘profound inability to navigate around town, even relatively familiar places. . . The big problem, in high school and college, was note taking. . . For whatever reason — I have no idea what that is — it’s a lot easier for me when I’m typing, so in college I started using computers more and, obviously in my job now, I use computers all the time.’ Although he has improved his handwriting skills, Cook says, ‘If I had to just take notes by hand, I don’t think I could function as a journalist. I am really quite bad at that.’” [read more about Gareth Cook at dyslexia.yale.edu](#).

April billing cycle

M	T	W	TH	F	S	S
3/25	3/26	3/27	3/28	3/29	3/30	3/31
4/1	4/2	4/3	4/4	4/5	4/6	4/7
4/8	4/9	4/10	4/11	4/12	4/13	4/14
4/22	4/23	4/24	4/25	4/26	4/27	4/28



In the Community

Dyslexia One Mother’s Fight – YouTube video

[One Mother’s Fight](#)

Kelly Sandman-Hurley - YouTube video

[What is Dyslexia?](#)

From the Yale Center for Dyslexia & Creativity

[Understanding Dyslexia](#)

[A Guide to Talking About Dyslexia](#)

From Landmark360.org

[How Cursive Writing Helps Us Learn](#)

Revibe video

[Revibe Connect Customer Spotlight](#)

A useful website:

www.collegeboard.org – The College Board, creators of the SAT and AP tests