

Arden Reading Clinic

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Greetings ~

I do believe Fall is in the air - at least it is today - and I am looking forward to carving pumpkins, cool evenings, crisp leaves falling, and the scents of earth and cinnamon. It is my favorite season! I am also reflecting on the start of this new school year and the numerous school challenges we face daily. Please know we are here for you and will continue to be as flexible as possible as we confront classroom needs as well as schedule challenges. The certainty I now hold to is uncertainty, and for today and perhaps a longer stretch I will allow uncertainty to flow, strengthening me and my incredibly adaptable teaching crew.

With gratitude and thanks,

Marcy Sirkin – Owner/Director

Welcome Our Newest Tutor – Sandy Hartmannsgruber!

Sandy has worked with children for twenty years, including ten years teaching 2nd – 5th grades in New York and Indiana. She was eager to work at the Arden Reading Clinic because she liked the feel of the clinic and the people who work here. With areas of expertise in literacy, elementary math and social studies, and social/emotional development in 5-11-year-old children; Sandy is a perfect fit for the clinic! She loves that the one-on-one tutoring model enables close connections with students. As she says, “I learn from them while they learn from me.”

In addition to teaching and tutoring, Sandy loves arts and crafts and finds ways to incorporate drawing, collage, and making books into her lessons. She says that if she were not tutoring, she would probably spend her days playing with her cats and caring for foster kittens. Her other hobbies include “knitting, weaving shawls on (her) loom, reading science-fiction, and rearranging (her) home until it’s as cozy and welcoming as possible.” We are delighted to welcome Sandy into our Arden Reading Clinic family!



Upcoming Events

October 1

Tuition due for October billing cycle 10.

October 26

November billing cycle 11 begins. Tuition due on November 1st.

December 20

Last day of our Fall semester. December billing cycle 12 is **three weeks** long rather than four this year.

Important Announcement

Please note that the clinic **WILL CLOSE** for the week of Thanksgiving – **11/23-11/29** as well as the two weeks of winter break. Those weeks are not included in the billing calendars.

Also, the clinic **DOES NOT** close for teacher workdays or Monday holidays.

More Important News

Book Recommendation



The Struggles
by Kendra Thomas

"A play about coping with Dyslexia and ADD."

Get a copy of it here: [Pioneer Drama](#)



Success Story

Rafael Galvan, Attorney-Dyslexic

"Essentially, I work on large industry projects, like power plants, wind farms, satellites, and different kinds of commuter rail systems—all capital-intensive projects that have a long-term revenue stream," he explains. Contracts this large and complicated need a lawyer who can spot the issues, one who is quick, and is able to negotiate and get people on the same page. Galvan is that kind of lawyer. Ironically, he is also the kind of person who has difficulty with spelling, writing, and reading—all issues relating directly to his dyslexia. Yet, dyslexia doesn't affect his work in a negative way. 'Any client of mine would tell you that if they have a complicated, difficult situation that they're trying to work through, they'll gladly take my occasional typos in my emails for me as their lawyer to represent them and get them through that,' says Galvan.



'Some of my achievements came through work. For instance, for my law school application, a judge from the District of New York wrote a recommendation for me after my having been in his court on a civil legal trial. He saw the unique role I played as a legal assistant . . .,' he says. 'I think that those recommendations, in terms of someone who is dyslexic, are a little more telling of much of what one does—your ability to problem solve, to be diplomatic, etc. These are all skills that you might not be showing on a standardized test, but which in a working context you have the opportunity to show.'" [Read more about Rafael Galvan at dyslexia.yale.edu.](#)

November billing cycle

M	T	W	TH	F	S	S
10/26	10/27	10/28	10/29	10/30	10/31	11/1
11/2	11/3	11/4	11/5	11/6	11/7	11/8
11/9	11/10	11/11	11/12	11/13	11/14	11/15
11/16	11/17	11/18	11/19	11/20	11/21	11/22

In the Community

From the International Dyslexia Association:

[Jared Blank - Another Success Story](#)

From the Exceptional Children's Assistance Center (ECAC):

[Committed to Educational Equity](#)

From the Yale Center for Dyslexia & Creativity:

[Tips from Students](#)

From ADDitudemag.com:

[How to Activate Your Child's ADHD Brain for Distance Learning](#)

[Adjusting Your Child's 504 or IEP Plan for Distance Learning](#)

From Revibe Focus Tracker:

[How to Help Your Child Adjust to Virtual Learning](#)