

# Arden Reading Clinic

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Greetings ~

*We made it through 2020, and what a year it was! I believe I was not alone in my excitement to say goodbye to the roller coaster ride that none of us could have imagined and to welcome 2021. I hope we will emerge as stronger individuals who have learned how to become resilient warriors much like our students who struggle with learning challenges daily. Your children are my heroes; they teach me to trust and believe in a better, more just day to come!*

*With gratitude,*

*Marcy Sirkin – Owner/Director*

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## Welcome Our Newest Tutor – Jon Bierce-Wilson!

Jon is a passionate, personable, and patient Asheville native; and a new father who has been tutoring mathematics professionally for four years. Jon studied at Warren Wilson College and earned his bachelor's degree with a major in Mathematics and a minor in Data Science. While at Warren Wilson, he helped many rusty, frustrated, and anxious Stats students dash their fears and come out ahead. Over the years Jon has learned how to succeed with his own ADD diagnosis (his wife is also a skilled mathematician with dyslexia), so he knows that most obstacles can be overcome. Most recently, he is busy tutoring students at ARC from elementary age through high school. He takes a lighthearted approach to teaching and likes to keep his students laughing to quell their anxieties and build confidence. He has a passion for and curiosity about Math, and a deep interest in how people think and how they approach mathematical notions. As a musician (gigging as a bass player since he was 16), he often hears of the connection between math and music. He feels the true connection is the flow of changing repetitions involved in the study and communication of mathematics that is mirrored in music. He finds that there is more art in math than people are usually led to believe and feels that even the weariest students can hone their skills through the patient practice of this artistry. We are delighted to welcome Jon into our Arden Reading Clinic family!



## Upcoming Events

### February 1

Tuition due for February billing cycle 2.

### March 1

March billing cycle 3 begins.  
Tuition due on March 1st.

### March 29

First day of our April billing cycle 4. Tuition due on April 1st.

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## Important Announcement

Please note that the clinic **WILL BE CLOSED April 4-11** for spring break. That week is not included in the billing calendar.

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

## More Important News

### Book Recommendation



#### **How to Get Your Child to Love Reading** by Esme Raji Codell

Activities, Ideas, and Inspiration for Exploring Everything in the World Through Books

### Success Story

#### Richard Rogers, Architect-Dyslexic



...there are a large number of people out there like you. I see it in my children; they have faced up to their difficulties and have become successful as a result.

“Architect Richard Rogers is perhaps best known for designing iconic structures like the Pompidou Centre in Paris, the Millennium Dome and the Maggie's Centre in London and Terminal 4 Barajas Airport, Madrid. Trained at the Architectural

Association in London and Yale School of Architecture on a Fulbright Scholarship, Rogers is one of the most sought-after architects of his generation. What many people don't know is that Rogers didn't learn to read until he was 11 years old, and at the age of 6 he was caned by his headmaster for failing to memorize a poem.

'In my youth, in the 1940's, I was called stupid. Not only could I not read but I couldn't memorize my school work. I was always at the bottom of the class. I became very depressed. When I was young, 7 or 8, I remember standing on the windowsill and saying "should I jump or shouldn't I jump?" At that time, dyslexia was not really recognized. In fact, it wasn't until I had my first child that I realized that I was dyslexic. . . Each individual child needs to seek professional help to first of all diagnose the problem and then to find out what is the best form of support. It doesn't matter what sort of learning difficulty it is; with any type of learning challenge, those affected can see specialists and do courses, and nowadays allowances are made for them in exams. It is most important to build the child's confidence and tell them that it doesn't matter if they don't read until a certain age – it is not important. A lot of famous people, like Einstein, didn't read until later than usual.'" by *Alix Boyle*; read more about Richard Rogers at [dyslexia.yale.edu](http://dyslexia.yale.edu).

### January billing cycle

M	T	W	TH	F	S	S
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	1/30	1/31



## In the Community

### From Dyslexia Training Institute:

[The Dyslexia Buzz](#) – an entertaining new podcast

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

[Managing Challenging Behaviors During Virtual Learning](#)

### From the Yale Center for Dyslexia & Creativity:

[Converting Your Notes to Audio and Study Guides with Read&Write Gold](#)

### From Understood.org:

[Coronavirus: Latest Updates & Tips](#) – this is slightly dated but chockfull of useful information

### From Revibe Focus Tracker:

[5 Reasons to Love ADHD](#)

## 2021 Winter/Spring Calendar

Please see the following monthly calendars for clarification of our 4-week billing cycles. There are 12 billing cycles per year. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us by e-mail or phone. If your Spring Break is different from the Break time at the clinic, please talk with your child's tutor to review schedule adjustments.

<b>Billing Cycle 1</b>	<b>January 4 – January 31</b>
<b>Billing Cycle 2</b>	<b>February 1 – February 28</b>
<b>Billing Cycle 3</b>	<b>March 1 – March 28</b>
<b>Billing Cycle 4</b>	<b>March 29 – May 2 (Closed Spring Break 4/4 – 4/11)</b>
<b>Billing Cycle 5</b>	<b>May 3 - May 30</b>

January-Billing cycle 1						
M	T	W	TH	F	S	S
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

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

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

April-Billing cycle 4						
M	T	W	TH	F	S	S
3/29	3/30	3/31	1	2	3	4
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	5/1	5/2

May-Billing cycle 5						
M	T	W	TH	F	S	S
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

\*Please note: Payment is due on the first of each calendar month. A \$20 late fee is assessed for payments received after the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month. ARC does not send invoices, so please send your payment with your child or through the mail. If you choose to pay by credit card, please make sure we have your signature and card number on file.