

Arden Reading Clinic

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Greetings ~

Spring has sprung and with it an abundance of eye candy can be seen popping up everywhere. Despite the blustery winds, I hiked this past weekend and the colors emerging were magnificent. I welcome Spring with open arms; I am so ready to embrace the vibrant outdoors. I know the kiddos are excited too as they run up the hill, now in shorts, no shoes, laughing... Spring represents hope and renewal and it is my hope each of us can find time over Spring Break to get outdoors, enjoy our glorious mountains, rivers, streams and perhaps even the beach.

With gratitude... Marcy Sirkin – Owner/Director

Introducing our new tutor Andrew Saldino in his own words

I have been working with kids since graduating from college in 1995, teaching all ages from preschool to college. Arden Reading Clinic interests me because I love being immersed in learning experiences with young people, and the opportunity to spend an hour at a time with young people in a pristine, distraction-free learning environment is amazing. In my ideal session, students don't even know that they are in "tutoring"—they are just enjoying the process of learning, because all humans love to grow and learn in safe environments. My expertise is really my love of teaching and my depth of learning that allows me to meet each child where they are in their learning process. If not tutoring, then I would find some other way to help young people discover their talents and gifts, for the world needs each of us to find and express our unique gifts. My favorite ARC story so far is a student (age 11) recently telling me, "I don't even know what happens in these sessions, but suddenly, the time is up and I realize that I have learned a lot." At home, I have two sons, Dante (15) and Marcel (12), and they will tell you that school is always in session when I am around. We have two sweet kitties named Carmen and Nugget. My hobbies include hiking, yoga, disc golf, and reading.



Upcoming Events

April 1

Tuition due for April billing cycle 4.

March 28

April billing cycle 4 begins. It ends on May 1st and is 4 weeks long.

May 2

First day of our May billing cycle 5. Tuition is also due on this day.

Important Announcement

Please note that the clinic **WILL BE CLOSED April 10-17** for Spring Break. That week is not included in the billing calendar.

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

Book Recommendation



Running the Distance **by Jared S. Blank**

"Jared Blank was only five years old when he realized something was wrong. He was having trouble learning to read, holding a pencil, using scissors, and tying his shoes. Jared has dyslexia . . . (and) he pursued sports and running to excel, express himself, and help others. Jared hopes that sharing his challenges . . . will inspire others who struggle to run their own distance.



Success Story



Joe Whitt Jr. NFL Secondary Coach for the Dallas Cowboys - Dyslexic

"Joe Whitt, Jr., is a teacher at heart. He has a true understanding that people learn differently, and therefore need teachers who can alter teaching

styles to get the best out of their students—or in Whitt’s case, his players. Perhaps this comes from following in the footsteps of his father, a coach for Auburn University’s football team for 25 seasons. Or perhaps it stems from an early struggle with, and overcoming of, dyslexia, where he was spurred along by a standout teacher-tutor and the ascertainment of how to learn and advocate for himself. . .

'A teacher, Ms. Betty Wingo, . . .was just amazing. Actually, I believe she brought me to where I am because she gave me the confidence to not be afraid of being wrong, not to be embarrassed by not being able to spell some things, and not being able to read on level with the other kids. She gave me the confidence to know that I was smart. I give her a lot of credit for the success I have had.'

What does Whitt’s unique approach involve? Well, in part, it has to do with what he does in the off-season. It is then you’ll find him returning to his hometown of Auburn, Alabama, and shadowing public school teachers to learn from them how to most effectively access his players and get them playing their best." *by Kathy Crockett; read more about Coach Whitt at dyslexia.yale.edu.*

April billing cycle

M	T	W	TH	F	S	S
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
4/18	4/19	4/20	4/21	4/22	4/23	4/24
4/25	4/26	4/27	4/28	4/29	4/30	5/1

In the Community

From ADDitude:

[TTS and STT Tools to Address Reading and Writing Challenges](#) – The latest in speech-to-text and text-to-speech technology for your student.

[Parenting Tweens with ADHD](#) - How to support tweens with ADHD who don't want help.

From Dyslexia Training Institute:

[Dyslexia for a Day Simulations](#) – A glimpse at dyslexia.

From Understood.org:

[What is Dysgraphia](#) – A short article with information about the diagnosis and effects of dysgraphia.

From Our Dyslexic Children:

[Our Dyslexic Children -2020-The Film](#) – We have shared this film before, and we're sharing it again. Keep tissues handy!