

# PlayRx Play Date

February 2023

## Staff Spotlight

Introducing speech therapist Kalli Glass M.S., CCC-SLP, formerly Kalli Ashford. Kalli is a joy to patients and staff members in the Sherwood area. She loves using play-based therapy to help kids achieve their goals and obtain functional skills. She also serves as our Lead Community Engagement Coordinator, connecting PlayRx with universities and community partners.



Sound Imitation: An important component of speech development

Imitation of sounds typically develops between 8 and 14 months of age, often beginning with imitating raspberries.

As they get better at controlling their mouth and voice, babies will start producing more “speech-like” sounds. These sounds are easiest to produce in repeated syllables, such as “mama”, “papa”, and “dada”.

Starting to learn “words” is a two-part task for kiddos. First, they need to learn how to produce the sounds. Then, they need to associate the sound pattern with the object that it names.

When we work on animal sounds, we take advantage of what’s easy for kiddos (repeated syllables) and pair it with something most kids love – adorable and funny animals!

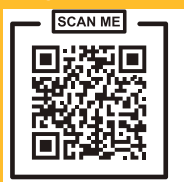
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- Cow: moo-moo or moo
- Sheep: baa-baa or baa
- Dog: ruff-ruff, arf-arf,
- Horse: neigh-neigh
- Pig: oink-oink or oy-oy
- Cat: meow or just ow
- Duck: quack or wah-wah
- Goat: meh-meh
- Chicken: bock-bock
- Owl: hoo-hoo
- Bee: buzz-buzz
- Turkey: gobble gobble or gah-gah
- Goose: honk-honk or hah-hah
- Frog: ribbit or ibbi-ibbi
- Fish: pop your lips open and closed
- Lion/Tiger: roar

## Developmental Tips



## Play at Home



One of Mrs. Kalli's favorite toys is the Learning Resources Peek-A-Boo Farm because it can target so many goals including: prepositions, animal noises, labeling, identifying animals, color matching, counting, and many more!





A great place to explore while practicing those animal sounds and bringing the Peek-A-Boo farm to life is a petting zoo! One of our favorites is Cockrill's Country Critters in Austin, Arkansas. They are closed this month but reopening in March!



Play in the Community



Community Spotlight

Located across the intersection from Delmont Park, the Duran Youth Center is a family-friendly, safe environment for recreational activities! There you will find basketball courts, playground equipment, board games, an art room, and more! They also offer special interest programs, such as art classes, table tennis, and staff-led programming. Daily passes are \$2.00 and annual passes are \$24.00. They are open Monday-Friday from 10:00am-7:00pm. Call 501-835-9599 for more information!



Learn more about our staff here: <https://www.playrxtherapy.com/staff>

For more info on appropriate child development see our developmental milestones checklists: <https://www.playrxtherapy.com/developmental-milestones/checklists>

For information and guidance on resources to support services for your child, contact our Resource Manager: [jwilsonst@playrxtherapy.com](mailto:jwilsonst@playrxtherapy.com)



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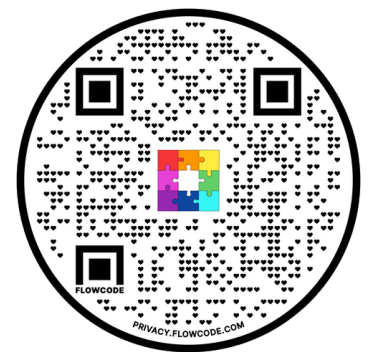
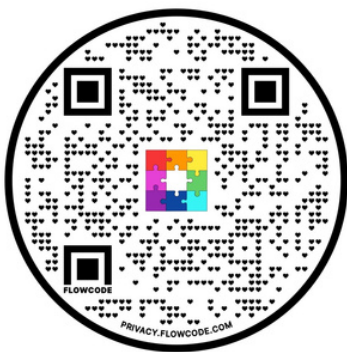
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