

PlayRx Play Date

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Staff Spotlight

Addie Davari - M.S., CCC-SLP serves as our Maumelle Daycare Liaison and Speech Therapy Screening Specialist! She loves affirming Neurodiversity and Augmentative and Alternative Communication in her practice. She is a favorite among children and parents; she is always looking for personal and individual ways to engage her clients and share their growth and learning with their parents! Her coworkers love her supportive work ethic and organized mind!



Before our babies learn to talk using spoken language, they can communicate with us in a variety of ways. One of those ways is sign language! There are several signs you can learn and begin modeling for your baby as soon as they are able to establish joint attention. Some of the most useful signs to teach your baby may be "more," "eat," "all done," and "no." Just sign the word at the same time that you say the spoken word, and you can even move your baby's hands to show him how to make the sign. When babies know signs before they can talk, this helps reduce frustration and improve communication for you and your baby. Visit the link [here](#) for more or scan QRcode!

Developmental Tips



Play at Home

This month, it's all about reading!

Reading with your child is one of the easiest activities you can do with your child, and it is one of the most important things you can do to promote your child's language development. Reading with your child is the strongest predictor of future academic success. You can start reading with your child as early as newborn age! When you read with your baby, they learn how to hold a book, how to turn the pages, and they learn that written words have meaning. Children learn sounds, vocabulary, and the parts of stories. According to Child Mind Institute, children who have been read to daily have been exposed to at least 290,000 more words by the time they enter kindergarten than kids who are not read to regularly. Reading with your child a few minutes a day will set them up for success!

The Maumelle Library

The Maumelle Library has interactive events going on throughout the summer!

- On July 10th, visit the library for a craft activity and lesson about bees!
- On July 18th, they will be hosting a kids comedy and magic show.
- At the end of the month on July 29th, be part of the Harry Potter escape room and help Harry and his friends escape in time for the quidditch tournament.

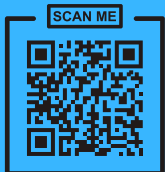
While you're at the library, don't forget to bring a swimsuit and visit the splash pad next door!

Visit the CALS website for information on more events at the Maumelle branch and other CALS libraries: www.CALS.org.

Play in the
Community



Community Spotlight



Little Free Library!

Have you seen the cute book houses around your community? These little libraries are for the community to drop off and pick up books for FREE! During your next walk or drive around town, find a Little Free Library. Leave a book your child may have outgrown and pick up one that looks interesting.

Congratulations: Welcome our new student Janna Smith (COTA student) and congratulate our students finishing up this month: Suzanne Schwander (speech student)

Happy Birthdays: Taylor Wheelless

Important Dates: Happy 4th of July!, Purposeful Parenting Month, and National Make a Difference for Children Month

Help Us
Celebrate!

PlayRx Resources

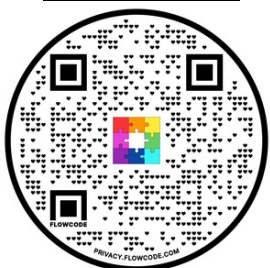
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For more info on appropriate child development see our developmental milestones checklists: <https://www.playrxtherapy.com/developmental-milestones/checklists>

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