PlayRx Play Date

June 2023

Staff Spotlight Kaelyn Turner MOT, OTR/L serves as one of our Clinic and Sherwood area occupational therapists! She also serves our company as the OT Team Lead. Clients and staff love her vibrant energy and her heart for neurological conditions such as cerebral palsy, brain injuries, seizures, autism, and ADHD, as well as sensory integration, and SOS feeding. Kaelyn also serves as a leader in her church for the New Life Kid Life Plus Special Needs Sunday School Program to provide individualized, effective instruction to children with special needs.



signs of learning-related vision problems



Headaches while reading

Reads only for a short time

Moves head while reading

Loses place or skips lines

Uses finger to keep place



Thomas Eye Care @thomaseyecareowasso Developmental Tips

Complains of blurry vision

Squinting

Rubs eyes frequently

Closes or covers one eye

Complains of tired eyes

Poor handwriting

Letter and word reversals

Poor reading comprehension

Avoidance of close work

Holds reading material close

*Let your child's therapist and care team know if you suspect your child is having any of these difficulties

This month, it's all about outside play!

OT Kaelyn has been loving outdoor play with her clients in this beautiful weather! **Where:** One of the best parts about outdoor play is that you can take part almost anywhere: in your yard, on a patio, in a park, walking around your neighborhood!

Play at Home



What: Get creative and use what is around you. Kaelyn likes to do scavenger hunts you can look for acorns, wildflowers, rocks, whatever! A great way to address vision skills!

Use sticks to draw or outline shapes and letters!

Practice imaginative play! Ex: Use grass as a landscape, sticks for people, and acorn tops for dishes; see what all you can create!

Dig, spray with a hose or a squirt bottle, blow bubbles for strengthening and sensory play!

Check out this link for other great games! Click <u>here!</u>

Outside play and learning opportunities:

Scan or click for a great look, listen, and feel nature scavenger hunt to take to your favorite park or your backyard!



Play in the Community



Scan or click for a list of Little Rock area interactive splash pads for a fun outdoor sensory rich summer activity!

Community Spotlight



New Life Church KID LIFE PLUS SPECIAL **NEEDS PROGRAM:**

What: Special needs program to "share the gospel of Jesus in a relevant, meaningful way that kids with special needs can understand.. individualized for each child...to help parents feel confident that their child is being loved while learning about Jesus."

When: During the 10:45 AM Sunday service For more information, click here or contact Sami Hart at sami.hart@newlifechurch.tv







Help Us **Celebrate!**

Congratulations: to our new staff who will be joining us soon: Casey Moore SLP, Summer Stussy M.S., SLP -CFY, Hope Hayes COTA!

Important Dates: Child Vision Awareness Month

PlayRx Resources 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

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