

PlayRx Play Date

January 2025 - Interactive Reading

Staff Spotlight

This month's staff spotlight is Madi Morris, M.S. CF-SLP. Madi received a Masters in Communication Sciences and Disorders. Madi is a proponent of interactive reading. Interactive reading can help children improve their communication skills, develop early literacy skills, and increase their attention. In her free time, she enjoys reading, baking, thrifting, and spending quality time with her friends and family.



Interactive Reading

Interactive reading is different from just reading a book to a child. Interactive reading allows children to participate while the book is being read. Interactive reading allows children to ask questions, make predictions, and share their own ideas. This allows a child to learn important topics/concepts while also cultivating their imagination. Speech therapists value how reading can expand vocabulary, form empathy, and improve attention. Interactive reading can also allow great social development opportunities when reading in a group. By interacting with written text, a child can increase their literacy skills, communication skills, and attention. Through interactive reading, a child can enjoy reading as well as learning. As children grow and develop, there is a critical period where children learn to read so that they can later read to learn.

Reading Tips

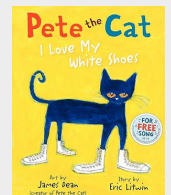
- Read together daily
- Engage in conversations while reading
- Encourage writing
- Visit your local library daily

Developmental Tips

Play at home

Interactive Reading at Home

- Read books that involve a child's interests (animals, activity/sports, place, etc.)
- Read books about family, friends, sharing, etc. to improve empathy and relational skills
- <https://storylineonline.net/> - This site has a variety of books read by celebrities and includes a teacher's guide. This can have questions for reading as well as other activities for children to participate in.



Lapsit Storytime

What? -Join Ms. Heidi for the Thompson Library's Lapsit time! We will read short stories, sing interactive songs, and enjoy playtime together.

A great time for parents and caregivers to help their babies grow and develop, as well as interact with kids their age. This program is recommended for ages 0-24 months.

Where?-Thompson Library

38 Rahling Circle

Little Rock, AR 72223

When? - Mondays 10:00am-11:00am

Play in the
Community

Community Events

Preschool Storytime

What?- Preschool Storytime. Enjoy stories, songs, and more with Ms. Sara!
Best for ages 3-5.

When?- Mondays and Tuesdays at 10:30am

Where?- Terry Library

2015 Napa Valley Drive

Little Rock, AR 72212

Holidays:

January 1: PlayRx closed for New Years

Anniversaries:

January 1: Brenna Kelley- 5 years at PlayRx

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