

Teamwork Therapies



FEELING FRESH IN FEBRUARY

Love is in the air this month and we're excited and hopeful for sunny skies!

Did you know Teamwork Therapies has a blog? That's right, we upload new resources and activities throughout the month right on our website. So if you're looking for ways to support your child's learning and skills at home check out our website at www.TeamworkTherapies.com under "Resources".

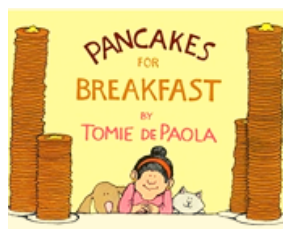
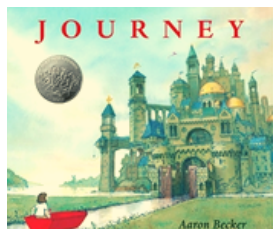
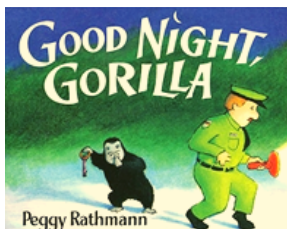
Keep reading our newsletter to find out what's new for our clinic this month and other quick tips from our very on speech and occupational therapists.

WORDLESS PICTURE BOOKS WE ARE LOVING

Wordless picture books are great for encouraging language skills such as sequencing, narrating, and inferencing.

For younger kiddos, you can use it as an opportunity to practice pointing and identifying familiar pictures. Or using the story to incorporate fun play sounds!

Here are three books our clinicians are loving this month:



Good night Gorilla by Peggy Rathmann
 Journey by Aaron Becker
 Pancakes for Breakfast by Tomie de Paola

THIS MONTH AT TEAMWORK THERAPIES

In Observance of Presidents Day, our clinics are closed on **Monday, 2/20/2023**.

CANCELLATION POLICY

Insurance and Private pay families are subject to a **\$50 cancellation fee** for missed appointments without at least 24-hour notice.

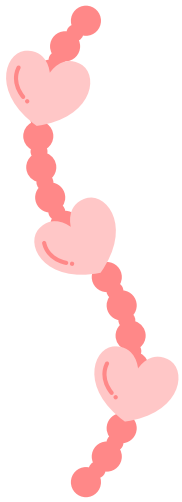
Make up sessions: our front desk may call you with less than 24 hour notice as therapists may not know their availability for make up until the day of. **Make up sessions cannot be guaranteed, however we will try our best to accommodate with any available therapist.**

Please note: Your child's therapist has time reserved to serve your child only during his/her appointment time. We do not have childcare service available, so children who are regularly picked up late will lose priority for scheduling. Similarly, we cannot start earlier than your designated appointment time.

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OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY TIPS: RAINBOW HAIR ACTIVITY FOR FINE MOTOR SKILLS!



This fun and wacky face is great for building on fine motor skills. Take a small piece of cardboard or even a paper plate and attach pipe cleaners for "hair".

Grab some beads and encourage your little one to thread the beads onto each strand of hair.

This is activity and similarly stringing beads is great for promoting finger strength and different types of grasps!



SPEECH THERAPY TIPS: HOW TO USE SIMPLE AND SLOW SPEECH TO ENCOURAGE LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT

Simple and slow speech is a common strategy used by SLPs to help encourage modeling of language that is attainable for your kiddo's current language level.

While often times, we may be tempted to give as many models and narrate play elaborately, we must always remember the importance of quality over quantity. We want to ensure that we are always providing quality language models even if the models are simple.

For example: "Go car!", "vroom vroom!" and "Car goes weeee!". By keeping our language simple and using slow pace, we give the child more opportunities to create deeper understanding of the words we're using!



ILLNESS PREVENTION POLICY

Cold and flu season is well underway. In order to keep our clinicians, staff and families safe, we ask you to practice caution and let us know if you or someone in your household is experiencing any of the following symptoms. If so, please cancel or arrange a teletherapy session for that week:

- Fever, chills, cough, difficulty breathing, body aches, headaches, loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion, runny nose, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, respiratory difficulties, or sudden rash

Please call the front office at (925) 399-5796 for Pleasanton or (209) 237-2484 for Tracy, in order to cancel your therapy session, reschedule or arrange a teletherapy session instead.

We thank you for your continued support in keeping our staff and families safe!