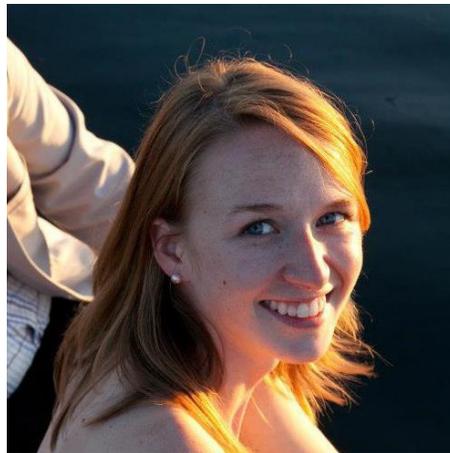


Greetings from our SLP's! We are so happy to welcome our newest therapist, Kate, to our team!



Thank you to all of the great kids who make our jobs so fun! As Chris and I are getting ready for our own kiddo to join us, I feel so blessed to get to share in the lives of lives of your children. Thank you for all of your hard work, and please keep in touch!

Kathleen



Hi, my name is Kate. I am very excited to get started and get to know all of the wonderful families that I've heard so much about already! I love working with children and believe that collaboration between speech pathologists and families is important for each child to achieve the most speech and language gains possible. With this goal in mind, I work my hardest to make therapy as functional and fun for all children. I look forward to working with each one of you and your children! Kate



It's been wonderful getting to know all of the kiddos and families I've worked with this year. I'm happy to have seen great speech and language progress from everyone! My husband, Brian, and I can't wait to welcome our first child at the end of the summer. Baby Wolf is due in the beginning of September and we couldn't be more excited! I will be taking maternity leave at the end of August, but look forward to seeing you all again at the start of 2014

☺ Blair



[Julie is still on maternity leave (it's been the year of the babies at Holman Therapy!), and enjoying life with her three adorable boys. She and her husband just finished their home, and are busy settling in. She sends a warm hello to all of her families and has enjoyed updates from Blair on their progress].

## SUMMER FIELD TRIP

Our summer field trip to Wagner Farm will be Monday, August 12<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am. Our hope is that this field trip will be a good opportunity for our families to network, as well as provide a fun, language-rich experience in which our kiddos can meet other children who are working on their speech. “Look, listen, and discover what makes up Wagner Farm. Meet and interact with our animals and take part in various hands-on activities such as grinding corn to feed our chickens and pumping water for the cows. End your visit with a chance to make and sample some homemade butter.” Siblings and friends are welcome to join. For more information, please email Kathleen at [kathleen@holmantherapy.com](mailto:kathleen@holmantherapy.com).

Wagner Farm, 1510 Wagner Road, Glenview, IL 60025      Monday, August 12<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am

**Program length:** 2 hours

**Fee:** In district students \$5.25

**Fee:** Out of district students \$5.50



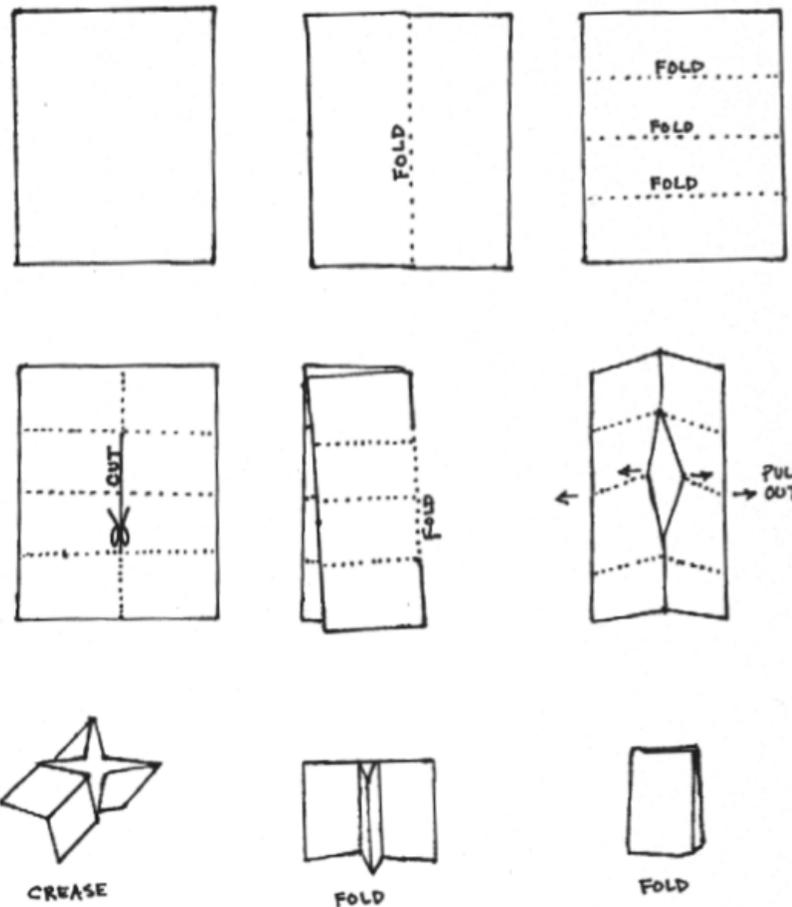
## Photos from our Winter Field Trip to Bughouse Studio:



## SPEECH BOOKLET ACTIVITIES

These activities may help increase your child's sequencing, story retelling, motor planning, literacy skills, answering of WH-question and speech sounds difficulties! And hopefully, your child will enjoy making these as well. **by Kate Daw**

- **SPEECH:** Go on a scavenger hunt around the house, and look for items with your child's speech sounds. Have your child draw pictures of these items or take pictures of these items, print them out, and paste them onto the pages of your booklet. You can take turns reading through these books together!
- **LITERACY:** After reading one of your child's books, use these booklets to let your children retell the story. You can either print pictures from the book or allow them to draw their own pictures to go along with the story.
- **LANGUAGE:** After reading one of your child's books, use these pages to help them answer WH-questions, e.g. who, what, where, when, and why. For example, on page one have your child answer the question, "Who was this book about?" and place the word "who" at the top of the page.



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- **MOTOR PLANNING:** If you are working on CVC (consonant-vowel-consonant) or CV utterances, use these booklets to pre-teach some of these combinations, or to review these combinations after an activity. For example, before you go to the zoo, go through the booklet that you have created together while practicing each animals' sounds, e.g. "moo," "bah," "peep," etc.
- **SEQUENCING:** Before making a snack that your child has made before, have them draw the pictures onto the pages of the booklet. They will then be able to use these booklets to help them sequence the steps to make the snack independently.
- If you can think of any other way to use these booklets let us know!



Blair Wolf, M.A., CCC-SLP

Summer is a great time for fun in the sun, splashing in the pool, and targeting speech and language skills! Here are some fun activities to try with your children this summer:

## Water Play

Swim with your toddler at your community pool or set up a sprinkler in the backyard. Work on receptive language skills (what your child understands) by having your child perform simple actions on command such as jump, kick, or run. Target expressive language skills (what your child says) when jumping in and out of the water by having your child repeat words like "go" "in" and "out." If your



child is working on articulation, you can write target words on diving sticks. This idea comes from [icanteachmychild.com](http://icanteachmychild.com), where sight words were used.

## Bubbles



Blow bubbles outside. Have your toddler request “more” or “bubble.” If your child is beginning to put words together have him/her say, “more bubble” “want more bubble” or “I want more bubbles please.” He/she can also repeat “pop” or “pop bubble” when popping the bubbles. Work on basic concepts by having your child direct you where to blow the bubbles: “up” “down” or what kind of bubbles to blow: “big” “little”.

## Visit the Zoo

The Lincoln Park Zoo is a great, free place to visit this summer. Have your child repeat animal names, vocabulary, and sounds when walking around the zoo. The zoo is also a great place to work on identifying basic body parts on animals like eyes, nose, mouth, feet, hands, tail, trunk, neck, etc.



## Top of the charts: Summer Hits

- 1) *Down on the Farm* by Daniel R. Pagan
- 2) *Swimming* by Mother Goose Club Nursery Rhymes
- 3) *Take me out to the Ballgame* version: Speakaboos
- 4) *Never Smile at a Crocodile*, Walt Disney's Peter Pan
- 5) *Slippery Fish* by Charlotte Diamond



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