



This is a picture I took this morning in the entryway to Speech Plus—our bunnies are ready for spring. But wait a minute—what is wrong with this picture? Is that a shovel I see next to our bunnies? The calendar says it is spring, but the thermometer has some catching up to do! It is hard to believe that April is right around the corner.

March may be National Reading Month, but it is important to focus on reading every month. Set aside time to read daily to your children, visit your local library or bookstore and make sure your children see you reading. In this issue of *Reaching for the Stars* we have included topics related to reading. Check out tips for reading to your child and [this great article](#) from Reading is Fundamental.

Many very smart children struggle with learning to read. Did you know that one in five American children has trouble reading? Over the last decade much research has been done on the science of reading. Sally Shaywitz MD, a neuroscientist and professor of pediatrics at Yale, has authored a clear, practical and science based book, titled, *Overcoming Dyslexia*. This book is a wonderful resource if someone close to you is struggling with reading. I am passionate about helping children with reading difficulties. Email me or give me a call if I can assist in any way.

So until spring finally does arrive (and it will!) curl up with a good book by the fireplace and read!

Happy Spring,

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### *Kids Say the Cutest Things...*

From Olivia, age 3: "Oh, Olivia, you have grandma's cold."  
"No, I don't, I have my own cold."

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