A Potpourri of AAC Intervention Ideas

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Smart Sheet for: Beyond BoardMaker Basics (Mac/Win)

(Windows Menu Bar does not display a Help Menu)

Modifying a Picture and Saving it Back to BoardMaker

e.g. Horse + Deer = Moose

- Open BoardMaker
- Click on the BoardMaker picture library Icon
- Find the picture to modify
- Change Line 1 to "Hidden"

a)

b)

- Copy the picture to the clipboard
- Open a Paint program (e.g. AppleWorks/ClarisWorks)
- Paste 2 copies of the picture into your Paint program - work on one, use the other if you make mistakes
- Modify the picture using Paint tools
- Highlight the picture
- Copy the picture
- Go back to BoardMaker
- Be sure you are in the library you wish to paste the modified picture into (e.g. NOUNS 2.C, FOOD)
- Paste the picture into the BoardMaker Library
- Click on "Change" next to Picture Name

- Type the new picture name
- Click "OK"
- Note: When closing

the Paint program you do not need to save

Making Books - 2 Pages per Sheet of Paper

- Open BoardMaker
- Under "File" select Page Set up
- Change printer orientation to landscape
- Click "OK"
- Go to Preferences Menu select "Board Size"
- "Swap" width and height
- Create 4 cells - 2 for text, 2 for pictures. Make the text cells approximately 1.5" x 4.5". Make the picture cells approx. 6" x 4.5"
- Leave approximately .5" between the two sets of cells.
- Under "File Menu" select "Save as"
- Save as e.g. "Book Template"
- Go back to the File Menu and select "Save as" again. This time save it as the book you are creating (e.g. Beavers p.1-2)
- If creating books in black and white**:** go to the picture libraries, under the Preferences menu select "Black and white libraries"
- Select the text tool. Type text in the smaller boxes. **Hint:** With Auto Resize on - Type in any font size. Select the pointer tool - change the cell size and then return it to the original size. The text will automatically resize.
- Put pictures in the larger cells. **Hint:** Change line 1 to hidden (see earlier graphic) before pasting pictures in.
- Select each cell. Go to "Preferences" menu and select "Line Thickness"
- Change setting to "None"
- Print, laminate and bind your book

Searching BoardMaker Libraries

- For Articulation/Phonology targets in the initial position of words:

- Set search for "Begin Word"
- Type in target sound/letter(s)
- For target sounds in other parts of words, change search to "Anywhere"
- Type in target sound/letter(s)
- When using pictures from only one library set search to "This file only" for faster results

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