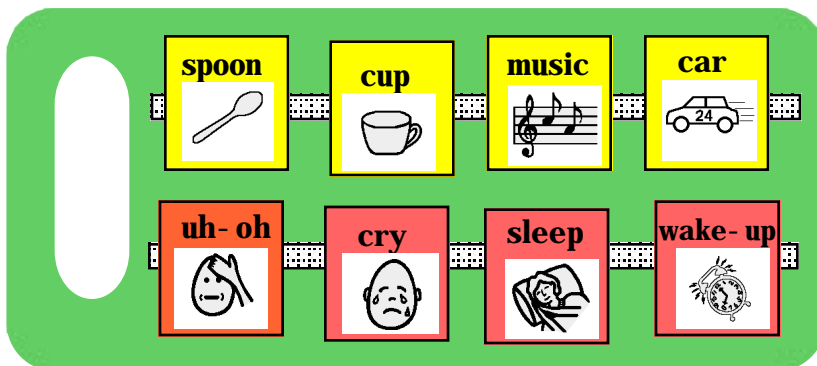


The Glad Pad

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WHAT IS IT??

The 'Glad Pad' is our name for this simple communication display made using a 'garden kneeling pad.'



Symbols to accompany Sound Box Songs

WHY THE NAME 'GLAD PAD'??

We call this the 'glad pad' because we're glad that . . .

- It only costs \$1!!
- It's highly portable, with a built in handle
- It's made of rubberized foam, so it's safe to use for ambulatory students or students who throw items

HOW DO YOU USE IT??

A smooth surface garden pad can be adapted using stickyback velcro™ (see velcro tip!) For a bumpy surface garden pad, you will need to affix velcro using hot glue in order to make it secure.

WHEN WOULD YOU USE A GLAD PAD??

A Glad Pad is perfect for:

- choicemaking (symbols representing song verses, lunch choices, book choices, friends to play with)
- simple songboard (Old MacDonald's Farm, etc.)
- preparing a symbol or word message and taking it to another class
- recess (remember . . . safe and portable!!)

SOOOOO . . . WHERE DO I FIND A GLAD PAD??

At the Dollar Store, of course!!!

TIP: Remember that SOFT velcro is STATIONARY (place it on the garden pad) while ROUGH velcro is on the REMOVABLE symbols!!