

A Year of Core Words - December 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
December's Core Words: ask, favorite, goodbye, hear, of, please, silly, surprise, these, use, way, work	 1 What was your FAVORITE thing about Thanksgiving weekend?	Would you rather HEAR Christmas music, Taylor Swift, or something else?  2	 3 Talk about what we USE for winter: shovels, gloves, hats...	 4 Practice saying "Goodbye!" or "See ya later!"	 5 Point out the funny moments today. That's SILLY!	
 6 Happy Hanukkah!	 7 PLEASE come here. Let's go outside, PLEASE. PLEASE put shoes on.	Read 'Snowmen at Night', 'Snowmen at Christmas' and other books by Caralyn Buehner. THESE are my FAVORITE! 8	 9	 10 Let's ASK our friends: What do you want for Christmas?	Tiggly Story Maker App: Put words together and you can HEAR the words & record a story.  11	 12 Talk about if you "WORK" or have "no WORK" on Saturday.
 13 Use an app to make funny voices (e.g. Talking Tom, Voicey). Do you HEAR that funny voice?	 14 What's your FAVORITE Christmas movie?	 15 I could USE a break. USE a quiet voice. Let's USE glue.	 16 work	Model WORK in 17 phrases: Good work! Time to work. Work it out. Done with work!	 18 Make a card or present for someone, but keep it a SURPRISE.	 19 Model "ASK": I need to ASK you a question. Let's ASK them.
Let's ASK who likes the Grinch.  20	 21 Ugly Sweater Day! Gives you chances to say "Wow. That is SILLY!"	 22 Do you ASK Santa for gifts? Did you say PLEASE?	Read the book or watch the movie "The Polar Express."  23	Do you HEAR the bell ring?  24	 25 Merry Christmas!	 26 What was your FAVORITE gift?
The word "OF" isn't often symbolized. Many AAC systems just use the word "OF". Find "OF" and use it in phrases... 27	 28 piece OF pie deck OF cards one OF a kind	 29 During a game or a snack, talk about how THESE are mine and THESE are yours.	Buy noisemakers and talk about how SURPRISED you are when you hear them.  30	 31 GOODBYE 2015! Happy New Year!	Keep growing your AAC learner(s) vocabulary using core! Explicitly teaching 12 new words per month means it will take about 7 years to cover the top 1000 words. Great job & keep it up in 2016!	