Communication Activity Mat:

Description:

A large mat with core vocabulary and other possible high-frequency vocabulary to create a communicative work space during potentially messy activities, such as art, cooking, science experiments, planting, etc.

The top left quadrant is based off Project Core's 36-core board (www.project-core.org) . Alternatively, considering using a screenshot of a individual's technology-based communication device in this quadrant.

Tools:
Scissors

Laminator

Materials:
Template: https://rebrand.ly/ActivityMat
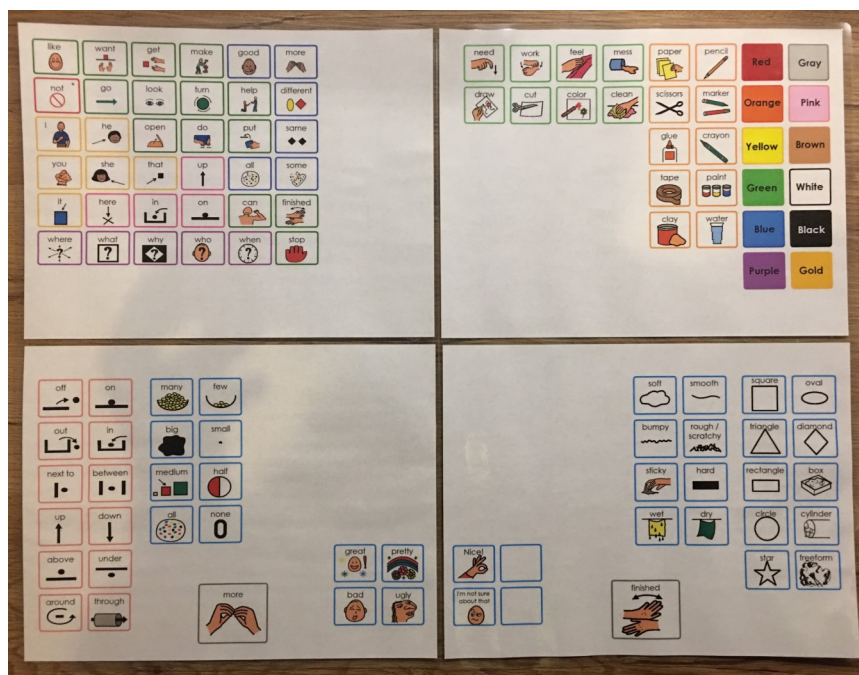
4x, 3-5 mil lamination pouches

Packaging tape

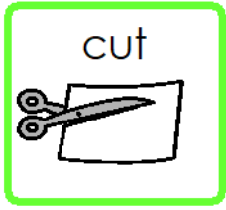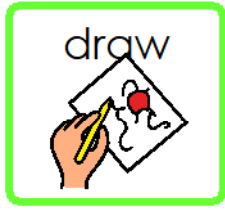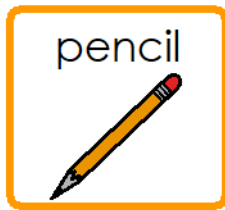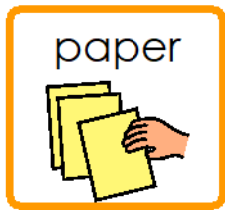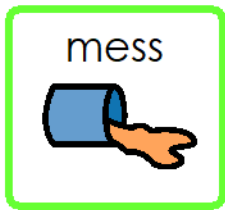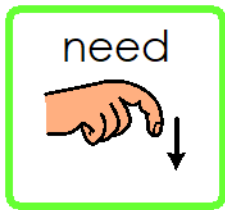## Assembly Instructions:

If using a roll laminator:

1. Align edges and loosely tape the quadrants together on the back side.

2. If you plan to store the board by folding it, allow a 1/8 inch space between the quadrants when taping.

3. Put the entire board through the laminator. Trim. The first time you fold it you will need to work in the creases.
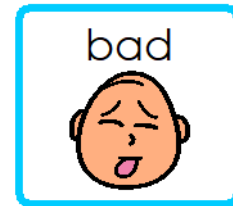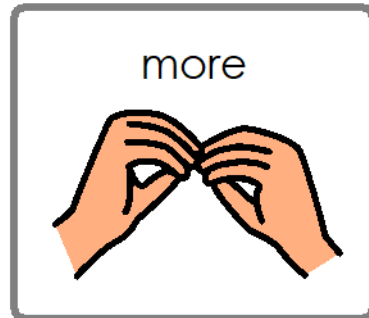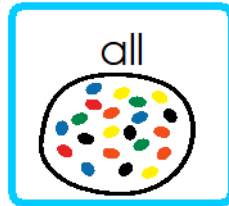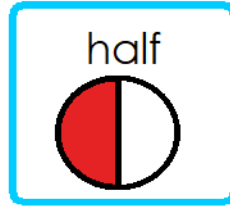
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1. Laminate each page and trim so the laminate margin is the same for each page.

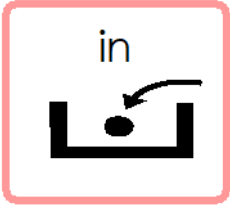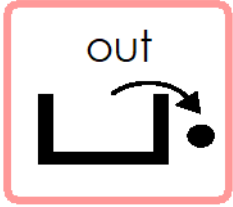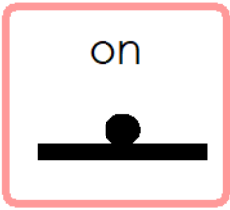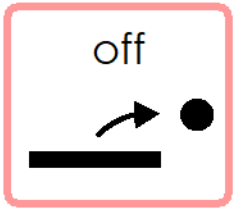2. Use packaging tape to attach the quadrants on the front and back. If you plan to store the board by folding it, allow a 1/4 inch space between the edges of the pages when taping.

3. The first time you fold it you will need to work in the creases.

like	want	get	make	good	more
not	go	look	turn	help	different
I	he	open	do	put	same
you	she	that	up	all	some
it	here	in	on	can	finished
where	what	why	who	when	stop

need	work	feel	mess	paper	pencil	**Red**	**Gray**
draw	cut	color	clean	scissors	marker	**Orange**	**Pink**
				glue	crayon	**Yellow**	**Brown**
				tape	paint	**Green**	**White**
				clay	water	**Blue**	**Black**
						Purple	**Gold**

off	on
out	in
next to	between
up	down
above	under
around	through

many	few
big	small
medium	half
all	none

more

great	pretty
bad	ugly

soft	smooth	square	oval
bumpy	rough / scratchy	triangle	diamond
sticky	hard	rectangle	box
wet	dry	circle	cylinder
		star	freeform

Nice!

I'm not sure about that

finished

Interchangable Communication Stands for Centers:

Description:

Mix and match vocabulary related to various centers or center activities. This set-up starts with a core vocabulary board based off Project Core's 36 core board (www.project-core.org). Alternatively, consider using a screenshot of the home page of an individual's technology-based communication device.

Add a strip of vocabulary specific to the center or activity.

Lastly, select strips of additional vocabulary to customize it for the activity. Extended core vocabulary strips include numbers, shapes, prepositions, feelings, and a variety of other adjectives.

Providing a communication stand in centers invites peers to explore and model symbol-based communication.

These pieces may be assembled on an easel or other upright board with magnets or Velcro®. In the image below, a tri-board was made from corrugated plastic (top 2 sides of triangle), a manila envelope to store the pieces (bottom of triangle), black duck tape, and soft-sided black strip Velcro® .
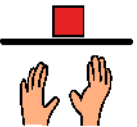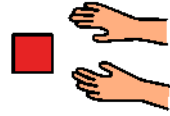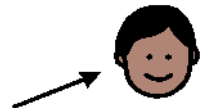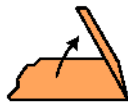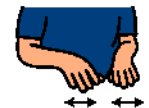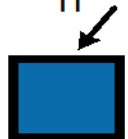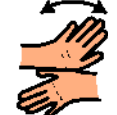
Tools:	*Materials:*
Scissors	Template: https://rebrand.ly/CentersCommunication
Laminator	6x, 3-5 mil lamination pouches
	Velcro® or magnets of your choosing (depending on the surface you use to assemble the vocabulary pieces)
	Upright surface to assemble vocabulary

Assembly Instructions:

1. Laminate all vocabulary pieces. Trim 36-core board. Cut out individual strips of center-based vocabulary, and extended core vocabulary.

2. Add Velcro® or adhesive magnets to the back of all pieces.

3. Assemble on upright surface in each center.

like	want	get	make	good	more
not	go	look	turn	help	different
I	he	open	do	put	same
you	she	that	up	all	some
it	here	in	on	can	finished
where	what	why	who	when	stop

sand	pour	push	mess		
	scoop	shake	clean		
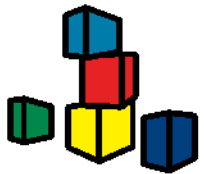
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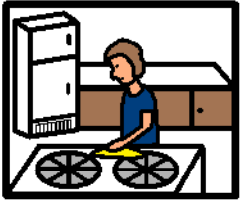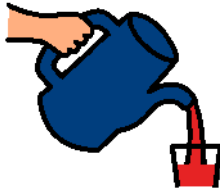
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food	drink	stir / mix	cut	clean
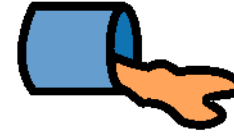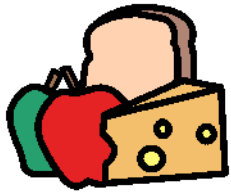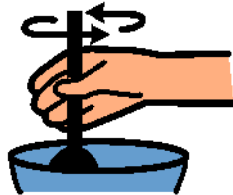
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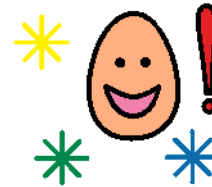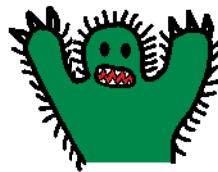
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Orange	Pink	**1**	**7**	out	in
Yellow	Brown	**2**	**8**	next to	between
Green	White	**3**	**9**	off	down
Blue	Black	**4**	**10**	above	under
Purple	Gold	**5**		around	through
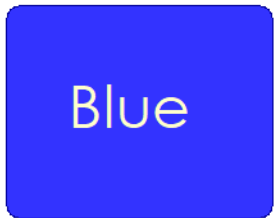
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sticky	hard	bored	tired	rectangle	box
wet	dry	sad	mad	circle	cylinder / tube
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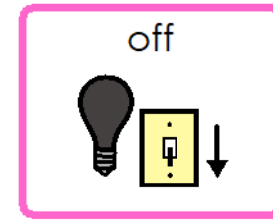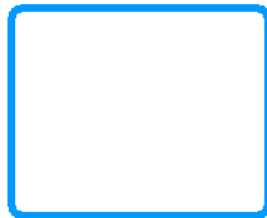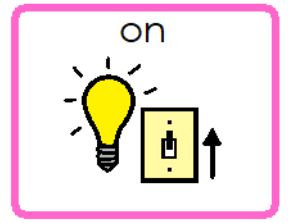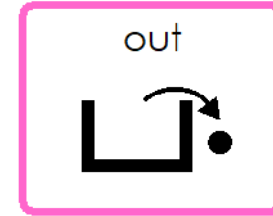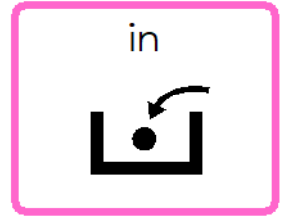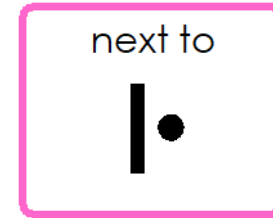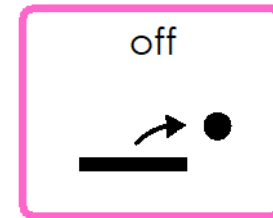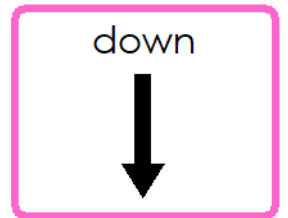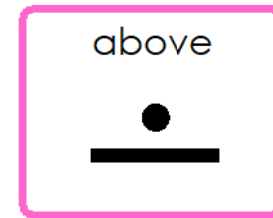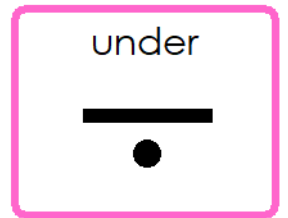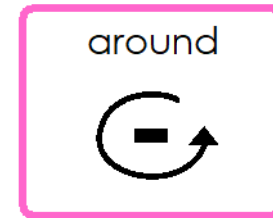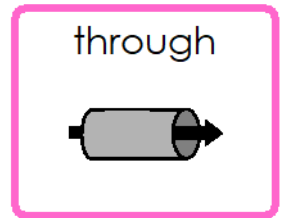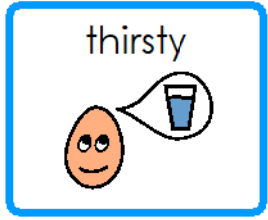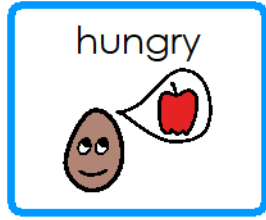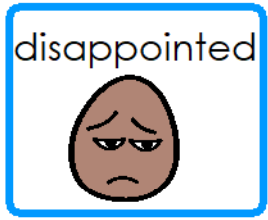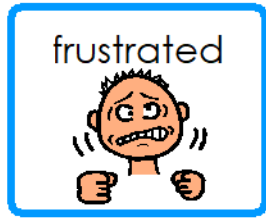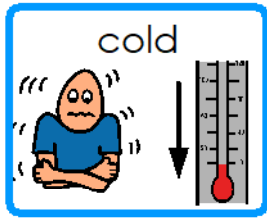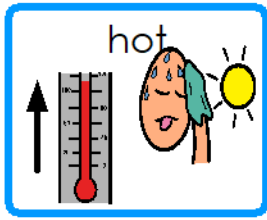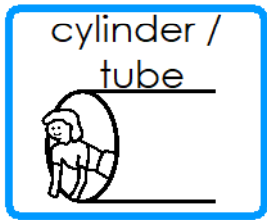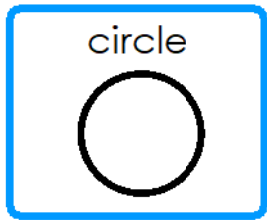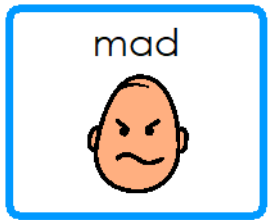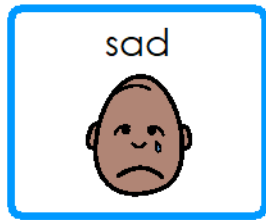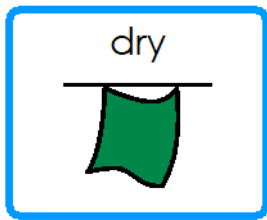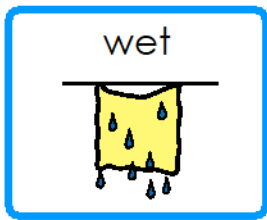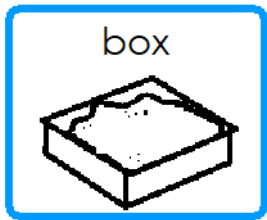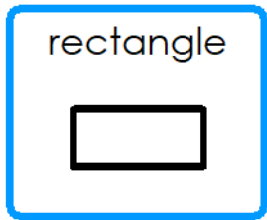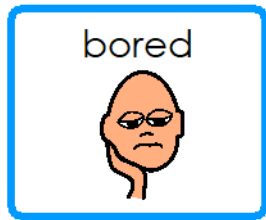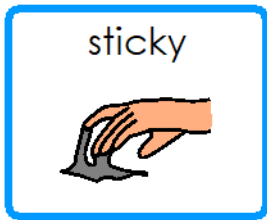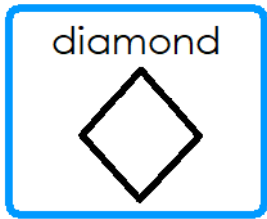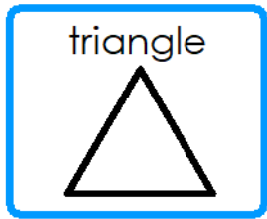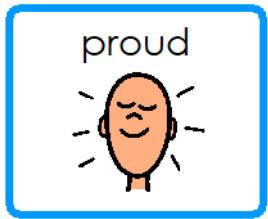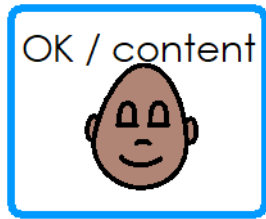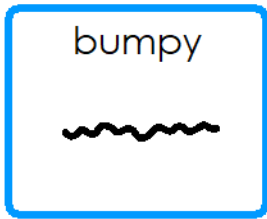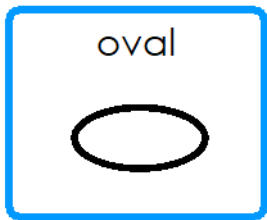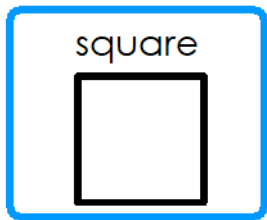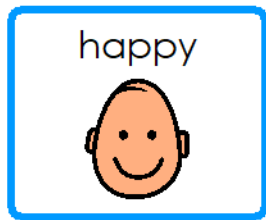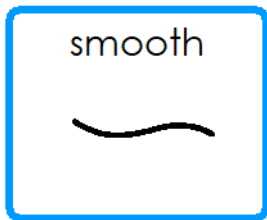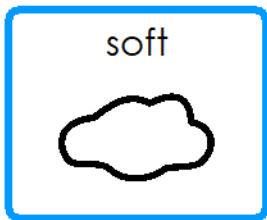
more	less
many	few
full	empty
big	small
medium	half
enough	none

Fold-n-Go Communication Board:

Description:

A core vocabulary based portable communication board for anytime.   This is a great tool for staff to keep handy as a back-up when other tools may not be available. The first 36 words on this board are base off Project Core's 36-core board (www.project-core.org). Alternatively, cons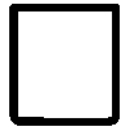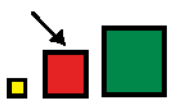ider cutting a screenshot of the home page of an individual's technology-based communication device into a similar configuration for the first few panels.

| Tools:	Materials:
Scissors	Template: https://rebrand.ly/FoldNGoCommunication
Laminator	4x, 3 mil lamination pouches
	Packaging tape
	Transparent Scotch tape

Assembly Instructions:

If using a large roll laminator:

1. Trim all panels to the same size.

2. Align edges and loosely tape the panels together on the back side, allowing an 1/8 inch space between the quadrants when taping.

3. Put the entire board through the laminator. Trim. The first time you fold it you will need to work in the creases.

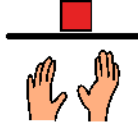If using a pocket laminator:

1. Cut out and trim each panel to the same size.

2. Laminate and trim so the laminate margin is the same on each panel.

3. Attach the panels with packaging tape on the back. Allow a 1/4 inch space between the edges of the pages when taping. Cover the sticky seams on the front with transparent scotch tape. The first time you fold it you will need to work in the creases.
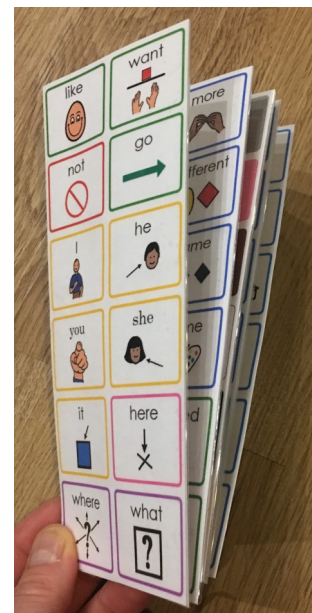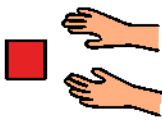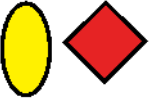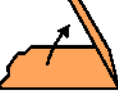
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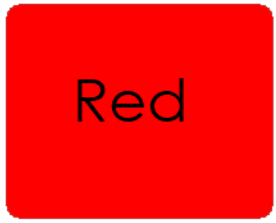
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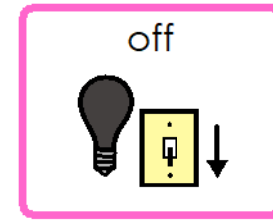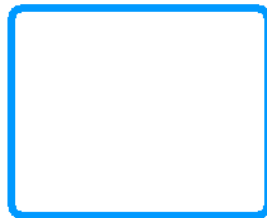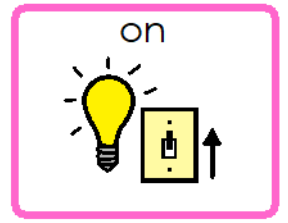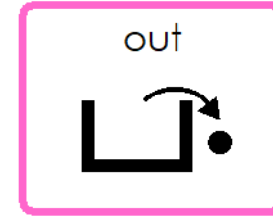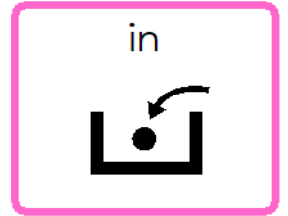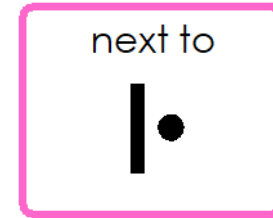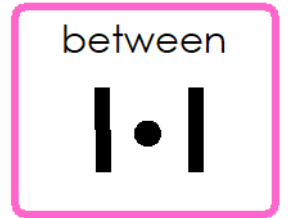
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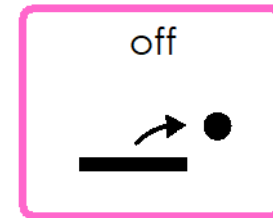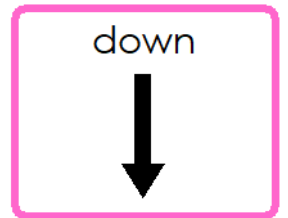
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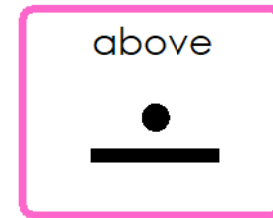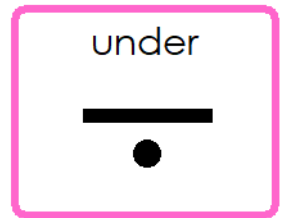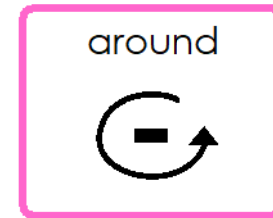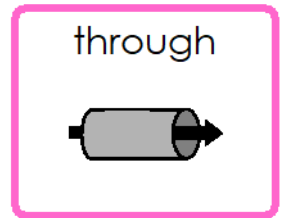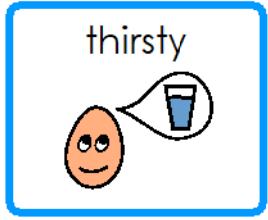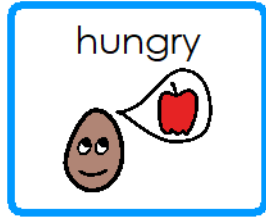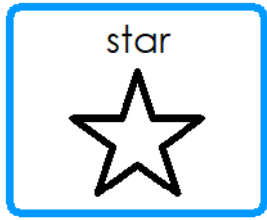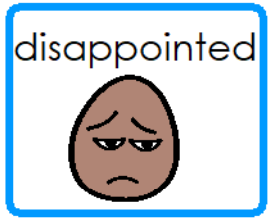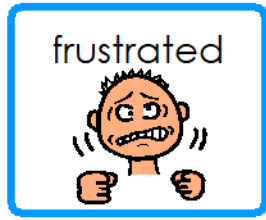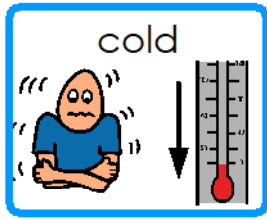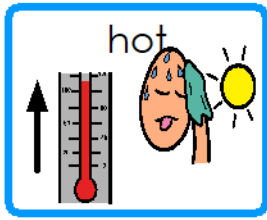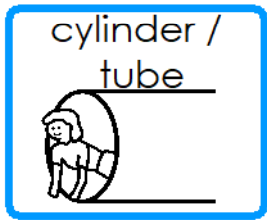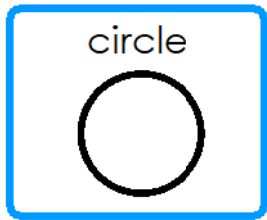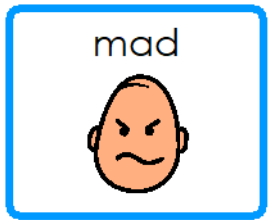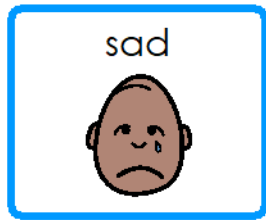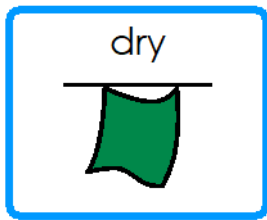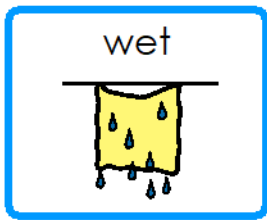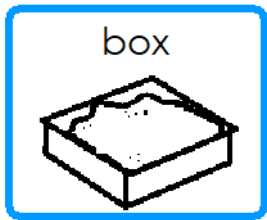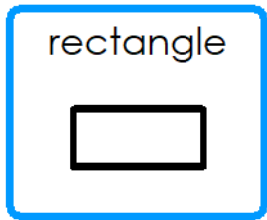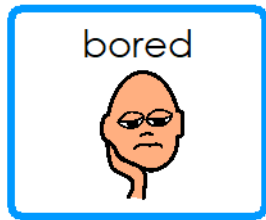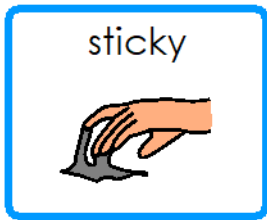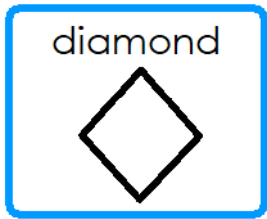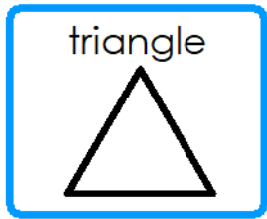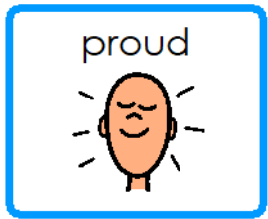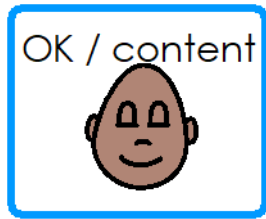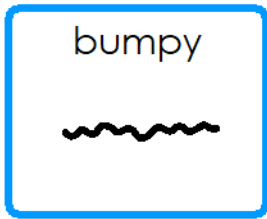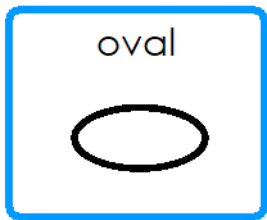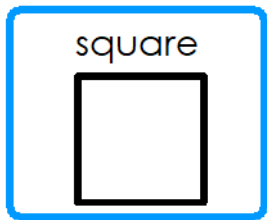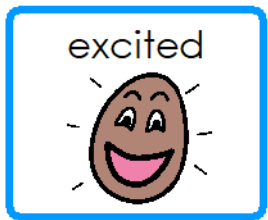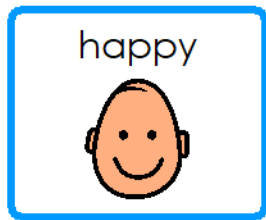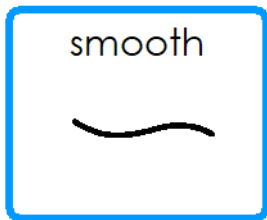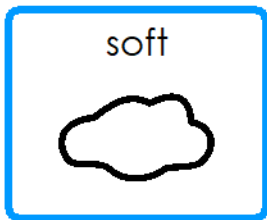
more	less
many	few
full	empty
big	small
medium	half
enough	none

Communication Snack Placemat (with early math concepts):

Description:

A simple placemat with basic vocabulary for snack time. This mat includes numbers 1-5 to explore early math concepts such as 1-1 correspondence, more, less, all, none, etc. Use cereal, pieces of fruit, or other small edibles to explore "snack math". Provide a placemat for each child, even those who may not need it. Peers become enthusiastic modelers!!!

Tools:	Materials:
Scissors	Template: https://rebrand.ly/SnackMat
Laminator	2x, 3-5 mil lamination pouches
	8" soft strips Velcro® (optional: 2 additional 8" strips Velcro® to store symbols on back of board.)
	10 rough Velcro® dots
	2 sort Velcro® dots

Assembly Instructions:
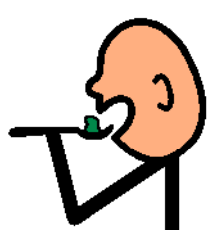
1. Limit the print range to print as many boards as needed (one for each student or sibling/friend)

2. The "choice" pages provide choices for up to 6 children. Limit the print range to print as many as needed.

3. Laminate board(s) and choices. If using a lamination pouches, set the board so that the bottom edge is close to the edge of the pouch, allowing for an ample margin on the edge.

4. Place 8" strip of soft Velcro® along the top edge. This is where you will place available choices.

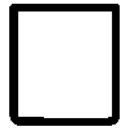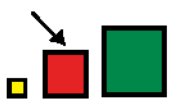5. Cut out snack and drink choices. Adhere rough Velcro® dot to the back of each choice. Sort into bags or envelopes, or store by adhering to the back of each board with Velcro® (requires 2, 8" strips soft Velcro®).
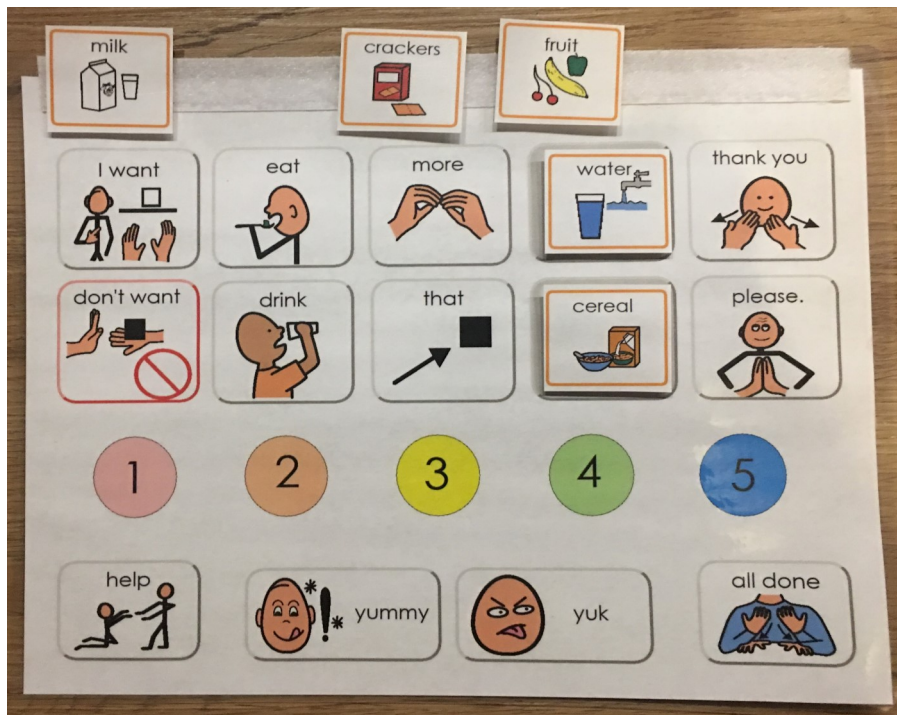
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don't want	drink	that		please.

1	2	3	4	5

help	yummy	yuk	all done

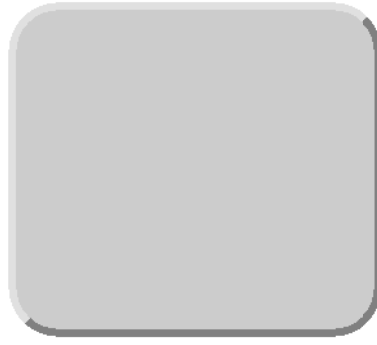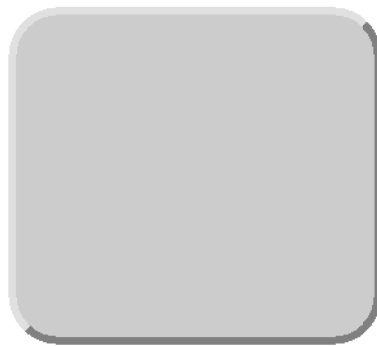| crackers	crackers	crackers	crackers	crackers	crackers
cookies	cookies	cookies	cookies	cookies	cookies
yogurt	yogurt	yogurt	yogurt	yogurt	yogurt
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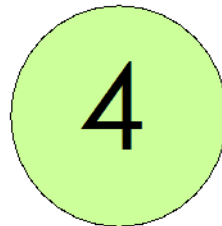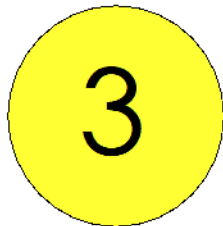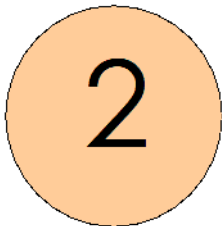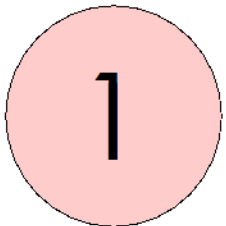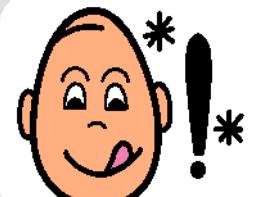
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