

## **S. JUNE SMITH CENTER HANDMADE PROJECTS**

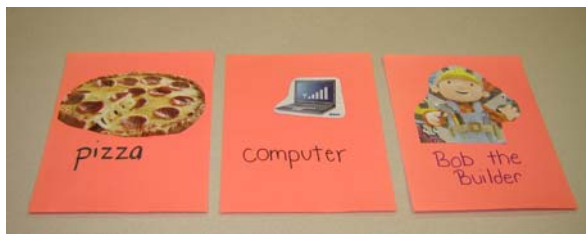
*Please use the following directions and sample photos (if available) to create your own piece of handiwork for the Center. We have tailored the finished product to be appropriate for children, ages two years to six years, with developmental disabilities delays.*

### **SIMPLE PICTURE PUZZLES**

Find simple pictures in beginner coloring books or online (i.e. - animals, food, shoes). Use colored markers, crayons, or pencils to correctly color the picture (i.e. - no pink or green cows). After you have colored the picture, cut it out and then laminate it. Puzzles may be cut into two, three or four straight pieces. Please do not cut the picture into wavy, jigsaw pieces.

(HINT: If you have paper stock that is a little heavier, please use that.)

### **PICTURE IDENTIFICATION**



Find simple pictures in magazines, newspapers, coloring books, or the computer. Paste the picture onto an 8.5" by 11" piece of poster board or cardboard (any color). Then, label each picture with the name of the item in lower case letters, unless the item is a proper name in which case it can be capitalized.

### **MATCH AND SPELL**



Find simple pictures in magazines, newspapers, or the computer. Paste the picture onto a piece of construction paper or poster board (any size and any color). Write the name of the item in lower case letters beside the picture. Then create a second set of individual letters to match. The second set can be the same color or a different color of paper. Paper clip the matching set of letters to the piece of paper.

(HINT: Limit your pictures to six-letter words like clock, sheep, pizza, door).

## **MEMORY MATCHING GAME**



Set up a matching game using stickers or pictures of items within the same category (i.e. – styles of footwear, flowers). Mount the pictures on heavy stock paper, one picture per page. Be sure to use the same size and color of paper for each matching item within a category. Then individually laminate the cards.

(HINT: This memory matching game can only be used if you have two photos that are exactly the same.)

## **TOTE BAGS**



Collect tote bags of any size and any color. Using permanent paint or markers, decorate the bags in a particular theme (i.e. – holidays, leaves, spiders, books, blocks, animals, weather). The bags do not need to be exactly the same design; however, you should create three to six bags of each theme in the same size and color.

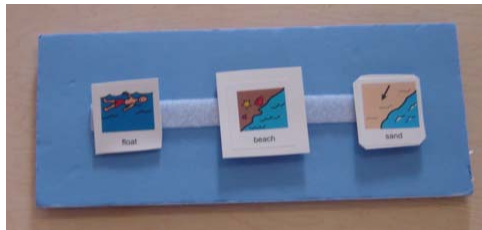
## **COMMUNICATION BOOK**



Purchase or find a 5x7 three-ring binder (any color). Find or make insert pages that are Velcro-sensitive. Black pages are best.

(HINT: Our therapists or teacher will insert communication symbols so that children who are non-verbal can use their book to communicate. We are not asking you to make the communication symbols, as shown in the second picture above.)

## **COMMUNICATION STRIP**



Find or purchase a piece of dark-colored foam board (i.e. – black, blue, purple). Attach one 12” by 5” strip of female Velcro to the foam board.

(HINT: We are not asking you to make the communication symbol pieces, as pictured. Our therapists and teachers have these on hand.)

## **ALPHABET BOOK**

Use construction paper to create a homemade alphabet book. Take one sheet of paper (any color) and write one capitalized letter at the top of the page. Find a picture that corresponds with the letter (i.e. – C, Cheerios). These items should be common to pre-schoolers. Paste the picture below the letter. You may use different color paper for each letter of the alphabet or the same color paper throughout the book. Bind the book with string, metal rings, or a plastic binding machine. It is also helpful to laminate each alphabet page individually.

## **SPLENDID SCOOPS**

Make scoops for our sensory table. Take plastic bottles of any shape or size (i.e. – salad dressing) and clean thoroughly. Keep the cap and seal the bottle with hot glue. Cut off the bottom of the bottle and a portion of the side. Tape the edges with decorative or colored tape to protect little hands from sharp edges.

## **PROPS FOR PLAY**

Place colorful paper shreds in clean plastic containers (i.e. – red shreds in a ketchup bottle). Seal the top with hot glue. These items make great props for kitchen play areas.

## **MODELING CLAY**

*Ingredients:* 1 cup salt, 2 teaspoons oil, 1 cup cold water, 3 cups flour, 2 tablespoons cornstarch, 1 tablespoon food coloring

*Equipment:* Clay board (i.e. - formica, marble, or ceramic tile), storage container

*Method:* 1. Put the salt, oil, water, and food coloring onto the clay board. Work the mixture into a ball.

2. Gradually knead in the flour and cornstarch.
3. Continue kneading until the mixture feels like bread dough.
4. Store in an airtight container.

## **GAK**

*Ingredients:* 1 cup white glue, 1 cup liquid starch, 3 drops food coloring

*Equipment:* Plastic mixing bowl, wooden spoon, storage container

*Method:* 1. Pour the glue and food coloring into a mixing bowl.

2. Stir to mix in the color.
3. Add starch gradually, mixing vigorously.
4. Stir until the mixture is the consistency of putty.

## **OUBLECK**

*Ingredients:* 4 parts cornstarch, 1 part warm water

*Equipment:* Mixing bowl, storage container

*Method:* Mix the ingredients together with your hands until it is satiny smooth. Store in an airtight container.

## **GLORAX**

*Ingredients:* 3 tablespoons water, 1 tablespoon white glue, 2 heaping tablespoons Borax

*Equipment:* Ziploc bag

*Method:* 1. Pour all of the ingredients into a Ziploc Bag.  
2. Squish ingredients together into a ball.  
3. Remove and stretch.  
4. Return to Ziploc bag and remove the air from the bag to seal.

## **NO-COOK PLAYDOUGH**

*Ingredients:* 3 cups flour, 1 ½ cups salt, ¼ cup oil, 1 cup water, 1 tablespoon food coloring

*Equipment:* Mixing bowl, wooden spoon, storage container

*Method:* 1. Mix all of the ingredients together in a bowl.  
2. Form the mixture into a ball and knead the dough.  
3. Add more flour if the dough is too sticky.  
4. Store in an airtight container.