## Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC) KIT Linda Gould, MS, CCC-SLP Augmentative Communication Consultant lygould@comcast.net

<u>Glue stick</u> – for quickly adding symbols to a communication board or book, <u>Double sided foam dots or double sided tapes</u> – for semi-permanently securing communication boards, choice boards or schedule boards to hard surfaces. Adhesive backed magnetic strip – for securing symbols or communication boards to

<u>Adhesive backed magnetic strip</u> – for securing symbols or communication boards to metal surface.

<u>Hole punch</u> – for adding pages to 3-ring binder communication books Post-it flags – Use as tabs for communication book.

<u>Post-it notes</u> - for adding quick words or hand-drawn symbols to books or boards. Can also use to mask symbols in books or boards.

<u>Small pocket photo album(s)</u> – use as a portable communication book or to keep social stories readily available.

<u>Metal rings</u> – use them for symbols, choice boards or other visual supports. <u>Velcro</u> – for anything and everything!

<u>Stick 'n suck discs</u> – Great for securing small communication devices to hard surfaces, without the need for a mount. Stick and suck discs \$25/5 sheets (each sheet has two 2 1/4" disks and one 3 1/4" disk)

http://www.rjcooper.com/stick-&-suck/index.html

<u>Self-hold hair rollers</u> – These are Velcro compatible and work as mini easels for symbols when no easel is available.

• Also makes it easier for individuals to grasp and hold symbols.

<u>Velcro compatible fabric</u> – come up with your own use for this stuff! <u>Plastic pocket pages</u> –for communication pages in 3-ring binder books, allows symbols to be readily removed and added.

<u>White board with markers</u> – keep track of letters being selected by spellers, or draw/write choices when a choice board or communication book is not available. <u>GLAD Press'n Seal® wrap</u> – wrap it over static display devices, switches, etc. to protect from moisture (good for folks who drool).

• Also great for temporarily positioning boards/symbols on hard surfaces, including walls.

<u>Index cards</u> – you can print single or multiple symbols on them (select index card under printer setup). You can also paste pictures/ photos from magazines and newspapers onto them to make a more durable symbol.

<u>Sharpie</u> – because we never have one when we need it.

<u>VELCRO® brand ONE-WRAP® straps</u> – great for securing switches to wheelchair headrests are arms. Lots of other uses.

Page fluffers – to make communication book pages easier to turn.

<u>LED super bright keychain light</u> (Garrity makes one with a nice click) – for light cueing.

Laminate sheets – when you don't have access to a laminating machine.

<u>Magnetic photo frame</u> – to position symbol(s) onto metal surfaces.

<u>Acrylic easel photo frame</u> – to position symbols or boards at an angle.

<u>Swim noodle</u> - for use on shopping cart handles (for grocery list items or schedule pics) and for floating boards at the pool.

Batteries – no explanation needed

<u>Electrical tape</u> – for repairing switches or securing cords.

<u>Small bottle of alcohol and Q-tips</u> – for cleaning switches, Step-By-Steps etc.

<u>Wide cellophane tape</u> - when you run out of laminate.

<u>Retractable name badge holder</u> – for attaching symbols or small boards to belt, backpack, etc.

<u>Allen wrenches</u> – for attaching, removing, and tightening wheelchair mounts.