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Joe's Schedule (an example of a visual schedule)

math class $\left(\begin{array}{r} 2 \\ + 3 \\ \hline 5 \end{array} \right) \left(\begin{array}{r} 3 \\ - 1 \\ \hline 2 \end{array} \right)$	recess 	art class
lunch 	reading class 	bus

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Assistive Technology

What is it?

Definition

- Assistive Technology refers to items that assist students with completing tasks independently.
- Assistive Technology may be broken down into two Types:
 - Low Technology Aids
 - High Technology Aids

Low Technology Aids

- Definition
 - Devices that are simple in design; require little maintenance; have no or limited electronics.
- Pencil Grasps
 - A device used to aid students with achieving a proper pencil grip.



Low Technology Aids

- Weighted Pencils

- Used to increase pencil control and line fluency.



- Vibratory Pens

- Used to increase sensory awareness for pencil control.

Low Technology Aids

- Book Buddy (Book Stand)

- A stand to elevate a book/worksheet for easier viewing.



- Spacing Aids

- An item used as a reminder to space between words.

Low Technology Aids

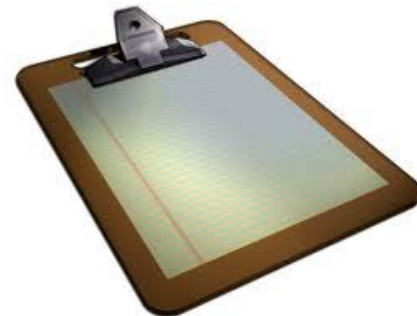
- Slant Board

- An angle board used to improve writing ergonomics.



- Clip Board

- Used to provide a stationary surface for writing, coloring, or cutting.



Low Technology Aids

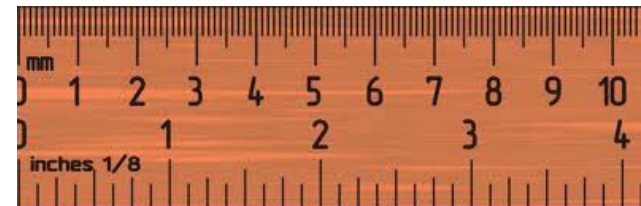
- Wrist Weights/Knuckle Weight
 - Used to help stabilize the hand/forearm during writing tasks.



- Adaptive Writing Paper
 - Writing paper with visual/tactile cues as part of the paper for boundary awareness.

Low Technology Aids

- Ruler
 - Used to assist students with visually tracking words to be read or copied.



- Reading Guide
 - Used to assist students with focusing on a line/paragraph to be read/copied.



Low Technology Aids

- Note Taker Paper
 - NCR (carbon) paper that allows a peer buddy to take notes.
- Visual Timer
 - Used to assist students with transitioning between activities.



Low Technology Aids

- Color Coded Materials
 - Used to assist students with developing organization skills.



- Graphic Organizers
 - Templates used to assist students with organizing their thoughts.

Low Technology Aids

- Page Holder

- A device that will hold a book open for students with physical limitations.



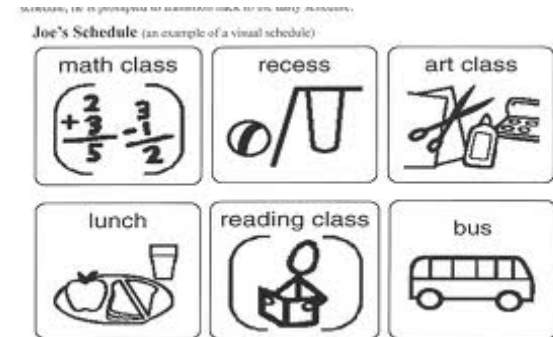
- Page Turner

- A device that assists students with physical limitations with turning book pages.

Low Technology Aids

- Hand Held Magnifier

- A device used with students visual impairments to enlarge print.



- Visual Schedules

- Used with students to aid transitions; on task performance; and task completion.

Low Technology Aids

- Loop Scissors
 - Adaptive scissors used with students with physical limitations or beginning cutting.



- Spring Loaded Scissors
 - Adaptive scissors that spring open upon closing and used with students with physical limitations or beginning cutting.

Low Technology Aids

- Table Top Scissors
 - Adaptive scissors that are mounted to a base and require only a push to activate. Used with students with physical limitations.

