



Assistive Technology Ideas that Work

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Title:	Song - Based Story Books
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What we did:

I have created many song-based storybooks with BoardMaker picture symbols that introduce cognitively impaired / preschool ECDD students to pre-literacy / literacy skills in rhythmic, choice-making activities.

Examples: Stephanie's Field Trip to Alpena Harbor (to the tune: "Gilligan's Island")

Thanksgiving Day is Coming! (to the tune: "The Farmer in the Dell")

What it accomplished:

Using students' photos in picture symbol books enhances students' attention during language group activities. Students making picture symbol selections during the reading/singing of the book enhances student comprehension and participation. I use manipulatives with the books to check understanding and provide out-of-seat time.

Comments or Suggestions:

Use of music is highly motivating and engaging for many pre-school aged and cognitively impaired students.

These BoardMaker picture books were easily converted to Speaking Dynamically Pro "Text-to-Speech" and songs were voice recorded to provide singing option for a Mercury user.

Attachments:

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