

IDEAS FOR USING APPLIANCES IN MEANINGFUL ROUTINES

ELECTRIC STAPLER

HOME	SCHOOL
put pictures up	handouts
staple envelopes to send to relatives	newsletters art work (puzzles) attaching things
CLASSROOM	COMMUNITY
handouts	helping in office setting
printed work	assembly line
making own book	sending newsletters

TAPE RECORDER

HOME	SCHOOL
messages	messages
routines/reminder/schedule	buddy reading
listening to music	speech therapy
taping homework and messages to teacher/class	story telling
story listening	drama
answering telephone	keep students on task
	daily agenda 'routine'
	music
	communicating with office, etc.
CLASSROOM	COMMUNITY
spelling lists - tests	karaoke
books on tape	interviews
Time table tests	
answers to question of the day	

Click on the following link to view a video clip of a student using a switch and Powerlink to listen to music while also running a massager:

www.pisp.ca/strategies/MVI_0842.avi

MAKE UP MIRROR

HOME	SCHOOL
personal hygiene	face wash after eating
hairstyling	hairstyling
brushing teeth	drama class to identity feelings
	make up at school
CLASSROOM	COMMUNITY
drama class to identity feelings	face painting at Children's Festival
speech articulation	
facial movement	
awareness of face	
expressions	

SPINNER

HOME	SCHOOL
choices (dinner, clothes, videos, CD's)	making choices between activity - picking
games	games
TV channels	choosing a game
clock	
CLASSROOM	COMMUNITY
videos	swim choices (order)
games (choices book)	bingo
free time	
worksheets (filling blank activities)	
giving questions to class	
matching and association games	
art	
phonics	
time table drills	

Click on the following link to view a video clip of a math game with the entire class,
using the All-Turn-It Spinner and a switch:

www.pisp.ca/strategies/ MVI_0606.avi

HAIR DRYER

HOME

fingernail polish drying
 soften beeswax for candle making
 dry clothing
 shrink wrapping
 drying hair!
 thaw pipes
 door locks
 wheelchair tires

SCHOOL

shrink wrapping
 dry artwork
 spray/artwork

CLASSROOM

as a wind machine (science)
 melting snow for science
 art - drying glue and paints
 sensory stimulation

COMMUNITY

leaf blower
 use at swimming pool
 art lessons/group



A hair dryer (as an alternative to a nail dryer) is also being used to dry nails in this recess activity with a peer.

BLENDER

HOME	SCHOOL
lunches/blend	cooking/life skills
fast food drinks (slushies)	science experiments (mixing)
drinks for mom's parties	art - mixing colours
	use as a volcano with lid off
	how high can your blender blow
CLASSROOM	COMMUNITY
make paper	friends house: making milkshakes
making a snack (e.g., fruit slush)	helping at pancake breakfast
mud pies	

Refer in this website to Cameron making dog biscuits using a blender, in the video: [Transition To Adulthood](http://www.pisp.ca) at <http://www.pisp.ca>