

## **IDEAS FOR USING APPLIANCES IN MEANINGFUL ROUTINES**

### **ELECTRIC STAPLER**

#### **HOME**

put pictures up  
staple envelopes to send to relatives

#### **CLASSROOM**

handouts  
printed work  
making own book

#### **SCHOOL**

handouts  
newsletters  
art work (puzzles) attaching things

#### **COMMUNITY**

helping in office setting  
assembly line  
sending newsletters

### **TAPE RECORDER**

#### **HOME**

messages  
routines/reminder/schedule  
**listening to music**  
taping homework and messages to  
teacher/class  
story listening  
answering telephone

#### **CLASSROOM**

spelling lists - tests  
books on tape  
Time table tests  
answers to question of the day

#### **SCHOOL**

messages  
buddy reading  
speech therapy  
story telling  
drama  
keep students on task  
daily agenda 'routine'  
music  
communicating with office, etc.

#### **COMMUNITY**

karaoke  
interviews

**(This student is using a switch to listen to music and have a message.)**



## MAKE UP MIRROR

### HOME

personal hygiene  
hairstyling  
brushing teeth

### CLASSROOM

drama class to identity feelings  
speech articulation  
facial movement  
awareness of face  
expressions

### SCHOOL

face wash after eating  
hairstyling  
drama class to identity feelings  
make up at school

### COMMUNITY

face painting at Children's Festival

## SPINNER

### HOME

choices (dinner, clothes, videos, CD's)  
games  
TV channels  
clock

### CLASSROOM

videos  
**games** (choices book)  
free time  
worksheets (filling blank activities)  
giving questions to class  
matching and association games  
art  
phonics  
time table drills

### SCHOOL

making choices between activity - picking  
games  
choosing a game

### COMMUNITY

swim choices (order)  
bingo



## HAIR DRYER

### HOME

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

### CLASSROOM

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



### SCHOOL

shrink wrapping  
dry artwork  
spray/artwork

### 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

lunches/blend  
fast food drinks (slushies)  
drinks for mom's parties

### CLASSROOM

make paper  
making a snack (e.g., fruit slush)  
mud pies

### SCHOOL

cooking/life skills  
science experiments (mixing)  
art - mixing colours  
use as a volcano with lid off  
how high can your blender blow

### COMMUNITY

friends house: making milkshakes  
helping at pancake breakfast

Refer in this website to Cameron making dog biscuits using a blender, in the video: [Transition To Adulthood](#)