

# TACTILE AIDS FOR THE VISUALLY IMPAIRED

## Developed and Provided by OAKMONT VISUAL AIDS WORKSHOP VOLUNTEERS

The Workshop offers our Tactile Aids free of charge to all professionals working with visually and mentally impaired children. Each one, including the book covers, is handmade, and some are especially time consuming. We send only one set to a teacher, and regret that we are unable to serve individual families. Please do not give your Tactile Aids to students, but maintain a library for use by many students. You and the parents are welcome to copy ours. Due to the overwhelming response to our website, it may be a while before you receive the items you have requested. We are working diligently, and hope to fill all orders soon.

### **SEND REQUESTS TO:**

OAKMONT VISUAL AIDS WORKSHOP  
6637 Oakmont Drive, Suite B  
Santa Rosa, CA 95409-5942

### **BE SURE TO INCLUDE:**

- 1) Your name
- 2) Your school or affiliation
- 3) A complete address

**Please Note:** We do ship partials. We do not ship to private addresses. There is no shipping during summer months. It may be a year before all of your Aids arrive.

## **THIS IS THE LIST OF OUR CURRENTLY AVAILABLE PRODUCTS**

### **2.0 BASIC BRAILLE**

All cards are 3x5 Thermoform plastic, printed and Brailled.

- 2.1 **Alphabet:** Lower case letters with standard and enlarged Braille
- 2.2 **Alphabet:** Upper and lower case with standard Braille.
- 2.3 **Numbers:** 0-10 with enlarged literary Braille
- 2.4 **Punctuation:** Names of punctuation signs with standard and enlarged Braille

### **5.0 READINESS BOOKS**

Each page has a tactile illustration, is printed and Brailled.

#### **5.1 Familiar Articles:**

5.1.1 – 5.1.4 Cloth Materials, Floor Coverings, Papers and Wraps.

#### **5.2 Matching:**

5.2.1 Fabric Matching: Fabric sample and name are printed and Brailled on the left page. On the right page are two pieces of fabric. One matches the sample.

5.2.2 Geometric Shapes Matching: A pocket inside the front cover contains six simple geometric shapes. Three Thermoform plastic pages have three recesses into which the shapes fit.

## **5.0 READINESS BOOKS (continued)**

### **5.3 Simple Comparisons:**

5.3.0 – 5.3.9: Same or Different?, Big or Little?, Which is Biggest?, Larger and Smaller, Which is Longest?, Rough or Smooth?, Which is Taller?, Wide or Narrow?.

### **5.4 Complex Concepts:**

5.4.0 – 5.4.10: Above and Below, Among or Between?, Curved or Straight?, Few and Many, Off or On?, Open or Closed?, Inside or Outside?, Over and Under, Review of Concepts, Twice as Tall, Up or Down?.

### **5.5 Special Books:**

5.5.1 Margins: Left, Right, Top, Bottom, All Four, None

5.5.3 Relative Positions: Top, Bottom, Upper Right, etc.

5.5.5 Lines of Direction: Vertical, Horizontal, Parallel, etc.

## **7.0 GAMES**

**These are fun for your students! Two are Thermoform plastic and may be enhanced with color.**

**7.1 Categories:** For low vision students. Labeled library pockets mounted on a cardboard with illustrated 3x5 cards to place in appropriate pockets.

**7.3 Mariko's Game:** Matching game with plastic items – invented by a child.

**7.4 Tic-Tac-Toe:** That Old Favorite!

## **8.0 MATH STUDY AIDS**

**Books have tactile illustrations, are printed and Brailled. Cards and Aids, indicated by an asterisk, are Thermoform plastic**

**8.1.0 Simple Geometric Shapes:** Square, Rectangle, Circle, etc.

**8.1.2 Order! Order!!:** Numerical, Alphabetical and Sequential orders.

**8.1.3 Sequences:** First, Second, Last, etc.

**8.1.6 Math Symbols:** NEMETH - Plus, Minus, Divide, Greater than, etc.

**8.1.8 Fractions & Percents:** Printed and NEMETH Braille.

**\*8.1.9 Counting Cards:** 0-10, 3x5, printed and NEMETH Braille

**\*8.1.11 Form with Two Shapes:** Thermoform plastic board with three square and three rectangular recesses and six various sized squares and rectangles.

**\*8.7 Braille Clock:** Ten inch diameter with manually movable hands.

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