Classroom Time Capsules

This is a great activity to do with students at the beginning of the school year. Each student makes a time capsule that will be opened at the end of the school year and show how they have changed throughout the year.

This activity addresses the following:
- Following directions
- Turn taking and sharing materials
- Fine motor skills
- Alternative methods of access for each part of the activity

What you need:
- iPad or iPhone with iOS 7
- Blue2 Bluetooth Switch
- Printer
- 1-qt Ziploc bags (1 for each student)
- Construction paper
- Tape
- Pen or pencil
- Switch adapted battery operated scissors and switch

About Remarkable Ideas

Over the course of almost 30-years, we have discovered amazing ways people use AbleNet products to improve the quality of life for individuals with disabilities. Remarkable Ideas take these amazing discoveries and provide activities that incorporate alternative methods of access to ensure each student can participate, learn important educational and life skills, and have fun.

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**Preparation:**

1. Let the parent(s) or guardian(s) of each student know that the students will be creating a time capsule in class and that you need their help in identifying the student’s favorite activity and favorite food.

2. Use Google Images (http://www.google.com/imghp) to find images that represent each student’s favorite activity and favorite food. Print a photo of each student’s favorite activity and favorite food.

3. Gather all of the necessary materials to complete the activity in class.

**What to do:**

1. Start by explaining to the students what a time capsule is. A common script would be, “A time capsule is a container filled with different objects that hide, and open in the future. Some time capsules are not meant to be opened for hundreds or even thousands of years. Today we are going to make our very own time capsules that we will open up at the end of the school year. In our time capsules we will include a picture of you, a picture of your favorite activity, and a picture of your favorite food.”.

2. Have students help you take a picture of each student using an iPad or iPhone. For students who are unable to tap the shutter button on the iPad or iPhone, use a Blue2 Bluetooth switch and Switch Control on iOS 7 to scan to the shutter button and activate it with the switch. Print each students photo. For a guide on how to use Switch Control on iOS 7 visit http://goo.gl/W47MTk.

3. Trace each student’s hand on construction paper using a pen or pencil. Have each student write their name and today’s date on their hand.

4. Using the switch adapted battery operated scissors, have each student cut out their hand print, the photo of themselves, the image of their favorite activity, and the image of their favorite food.

5. Each student inserts all three of their photos into their Ziploc bag and attaches their hand print to the outside of the bag using tape.

6. The teacher stores each time capsule until the end of the school year. At the end of the school year the students can see if their favorite food, activity, or how they look has changed over the year.