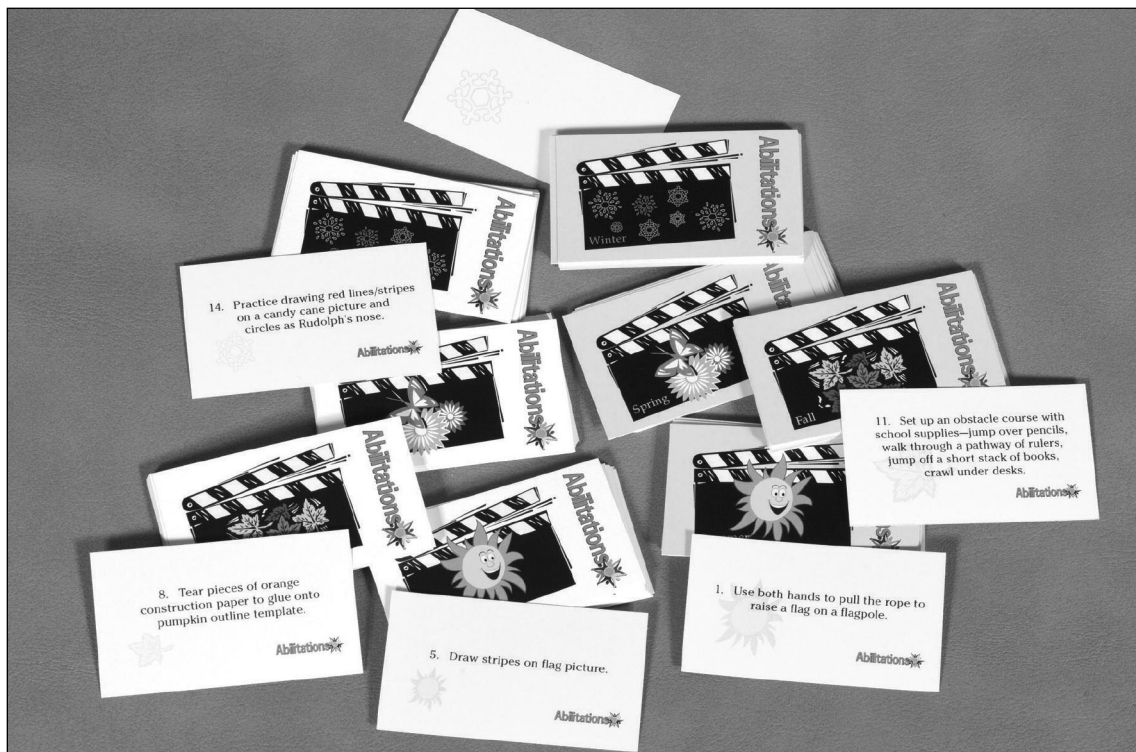


Cue Cards

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Introduction

Welcome to Abilitations Cue Cards. These Cards were constructed as a resource for motivational fine, gross and visual motor activities for children with special needs, as well as typically developing children. These easy-to-use cards revolve around seasonal themes with simple activities that require readily available and low-cost supplies. Halloween, fall, Thanksgiving, December holidays, and spring and summer festivities are all included in this 64-card deck complete with an additional 8 blank cards to create your own magical activities. The Cue Cards were invented by an occupational therapist who knows about challenging reluctant children to participate in motor activities. Great for use at home, school or therapy and for individuals or groups, the Cards are guaranteed to cue interest and fun while promoting meaningful play.

Activity Options

1. Choose the sub deck with the appropriate seasonal activities (fall, winter, spring or summer). You will need to have the activity supplies prepared and/or on hand. Have a child shuffle the cards, then choose one card with an activity that the child or group will complete during a set time period. Have the child read the card out loud to the group if able.
2. As above, but instead of the whole deck, choose two to four cards and place them face up on the table. Let the child or group decide which seasonal activity they want to complete.
3. With larger groups, use two decks of Cue Cards and pre-sort several pairs of the same activity. Place face down on a table or floor, then have each child choose a card. The children who each draw the same card from the combined decks must then pair off and work together.

Modifications

To make choosing the card more challenging and fun, try the following:

- Scatter the cards on the floor and have a child use a reacher or long pair of tongs to pick a card. Perfect for working on motor planning and strengthening the intrinsic muscles of the hand.
- As above but have a child stand or tall kneel on a balance board, then bend down to choose a card. Wonderful for working on dynamic balance.
- Stabilize the child in prone (tummy position) over a therapy ball (support legs or even at hips if necessary). Have them bend forward over the ball to reach out and pick a card. Great for work on weight bearing and heavy-work input to arms and shoulders. Read the card while holding this position.

Care & Safety

The Cue Cards come in decks of 72 cards (64 activity cards and 8 blank cards) divided into 4 seasons: spring, summer, fall and winter. Children should be supervised during participation in all Cue Card activities. Recommended for children ages 4 and up.



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