AAC Activity: Making an Edible American Flag

Objective

Engage kids using AAC devices in a fun and interactive activity that stimulates their senses and reinforces the use of core words.

Materials Needed

- Red, white, and blue candy (M&Ms, Skittles, Life Savers, marshmallows, gummy bears, etc.)
- · Piece of paper
- · Marker or crayon





Preparation

Draw a large rectangle on the piece of paper.

Within the rectangle, draw a smaller square in the upper left corner.

Draw 13 stripes across the rest of the rectangle, alternating in size.

Candy Placement

Fill the upper left corner (the small square) with blue candy.

Fill the top stripe and every other stripe after that with red candy.

Fill the remaining stripes with white candy.

Descriptive Discussion

Colors: Use the AAC device to talk about the colors of each candy.

Encourage the kids to find and say "red," "white," and "blue."

Senses: Discuss how each candy smells, feels, and tastes. Encourage the kids to use their AAC device to express these sensory experiences.

Smell: "What does the candy smell like?"

Feel: "How does the candy feel in your hands?"

Taste: "What does the candy taste like?"

Core Words to Use

Smell: "This candy smells sweet/sour/good."

Feel: "This candy feels soft/hard/sticky."

Taste: "This candy tastes sweet/sour/yummy."