

The "Power of NOW" and the "Fun of ALL DONE"

A **NOW BOX** and an **ALL DONE BIN** can be powerful communication tools to help prepare and organize your student for activities throughout his day. This system teaches literacy skills (left to right, beginning/middle/end, previewing / reviewing), language skills (receptive and expressive vocabulary), and prevocational tasks (put in) among many, many other skills-

WHAT IS A NOW BOX?

- ✓ A **NOW BOX** is a simple, portable container that holds the item that the student will immediately interact with.
 - ✓ A **NOW BOX** can be made out of anything, be any size, color, or shape. You will probably make those determinations based on your student's preferences or visual / tactual needs.
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HOW DO I USE A NOW BOX?

- ✓ Present the student with the **NOW BOX** and have or assist the student in finding, examining, and taking the object out of the **NOW BOX** to use.
 - ✓ Move the **NOW BOX** away and encourage the student to use the object.
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WHAT IS THE "POWER OF NOW"?

- ✓ The "**POWER OF NOW**" is the sense of focus and anticipation that using a **NOW BOX** provides for both teacher and student.
 - There is a clear beginning to the activity.
 - The student is alerted to what will happen next.
 - There is a specific object that is highlighted / presented for the student to interact with.
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WHAT IS AN ALL DONE BIN?

- ✓ An **ALL DONE BIN** is a simple, portable container that can contain the item that the student has finished interacting with.
 - ✓ Like the **NOW BOX**, the **ALL DONE BIN** can be made out of anything, be any size, color, or shape. You might determine that you can have a little more fun in selecting the **ALL DONE BIN**. Students tend not to focus as intensely on **ALL DONE BINS**; materials are often simply pushed or tossed right in. Consider using a small, bright, plastic trash bin!
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HOW DO I USE AN ALL DONE BIN?

- ✓ When the student completes their activity, the adult can tell / sign to them, "All done!" and encourage / assist the student to put their materials in to the **ALL DONE BIN**.
 - ✓ The adult can offer verbal praise. Together, the adult and child can clap their hands, etc.
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WHAT IS THE "FUN OF ALL DONE"?

- ✓ The "**FUN OF ALL DONE**" is the empowering knowledge we give to students that an activity is finished and done.
 - Students (and even staff) often love throwing their materials into their **ALL DONE BIN**.
 - Students who can't resist throwing materials are provided with an appropriate outlet where rather than rebel, they are able to participate successfully.
 - Students can take pride in a sense of accomplishment.
 - Objects in the **ALL DONE BIN** can be reviewed at the end of the day, "Look at all the things you did today!"
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KEEP IN MIND:

- ✓ The **NOW BOX** and the **ALL DONE BIN** should be visually and tactually different from one another.
 - ✓ Other objects (files, toys, etc.) should not be kept in the **NOW BOX** or **ALL DONE BIN** containers.
 - ✓ Although this system is primarily designed to be used individually, it is also a wonderful tool to be used in activities such as Morning Circle as each student carries out their morning greeting, etc.
 - ✓ This is a process that will need to be done over and for it to be successful for your student. Be patient and it will pay off!
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