

Experience Books for Students who are Deafblind

What is an Experience Book?

An experience book is a handmade book about a topic or experience that is meaningful to a specific student. Experience books are:

- Literacy tools
- Memory keepers
- Concept teachers
- Tailored to meet the unique needs of a specific student
- Created by or with the student

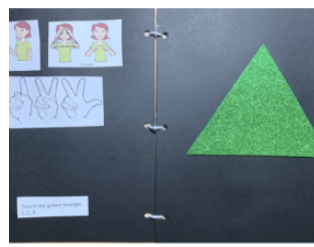


Types of Experience Books



Memory Book

Created after an event, memory books are a collection of items that tell the story of the student's experience.



Concept Book

A book created about a topic of interest to the student or a curricular connection.



Procedural Book

A book that outlines the steps of an activity or event.



Trip Book

Created before an event, a trip book helps a student to anticipate what will happen on an outing.

*Some books may fall into more than one of these categories.

Experience Books Support

Literacy Development

- Makes literacy available to all students
- Personalized, high interest books about the student or other motivating topics
- Respectful of age and developmental stage of the student
- Involve both reading and writing

Concept Development

- Engage in discussing topics out of context
- Make choices about conversation topics
- Past, present, future
- Reinforce activity specific vocabulary
- Provides access to the curriculum