

A visual schedule shows images of the activities planned for a specific time. It can also show activities for the whole (or part) of the day, for example a morning session or for a specific activity such as group time.

A visual schedule can also show when activities have been completed and how many activities still remain. Images can be moved to a “finished” pocket or to a “finished strip”. Schedules can be created using symbols, photos, pictures and/or words. Using visuals can support a child as they are a permanent instruction, rather than a verbal instruction that disappears.

How do I use it?

Visual schedules should be displayed in a prominent place in the classroom for educators and children to refer to. Although digital images have been used as an example, educators may use actual photographs instead. When discussing the day or session with children, educators point to each visual. For example, “This morning we have outside play, then inside group time.”

How do I make it?

Page 2 Backing Board:

- Step 1: Cut around the backing board.
- Step 2: Laminate the backing board.
- Step 3: Add a velcro strip for visuals to adhere to.

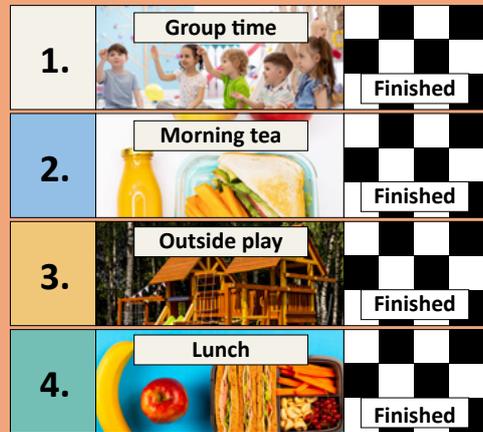
Page 3 Visuals:

- Step 1: Cut around each box.
- Step 2: Laminate the visuals.
- Step 3: Add velcro to the back.

Page 4 Template:

- Step 1: Cut around each box.
- Step 2: Add photographs of items or routines in your classroom.
- Step 3: Laminate the visuals.
- Step 4: Add velcro to the back.

Example visual schedule:



TIP:
Visual schedules can be long, short, vertical or horizontal!

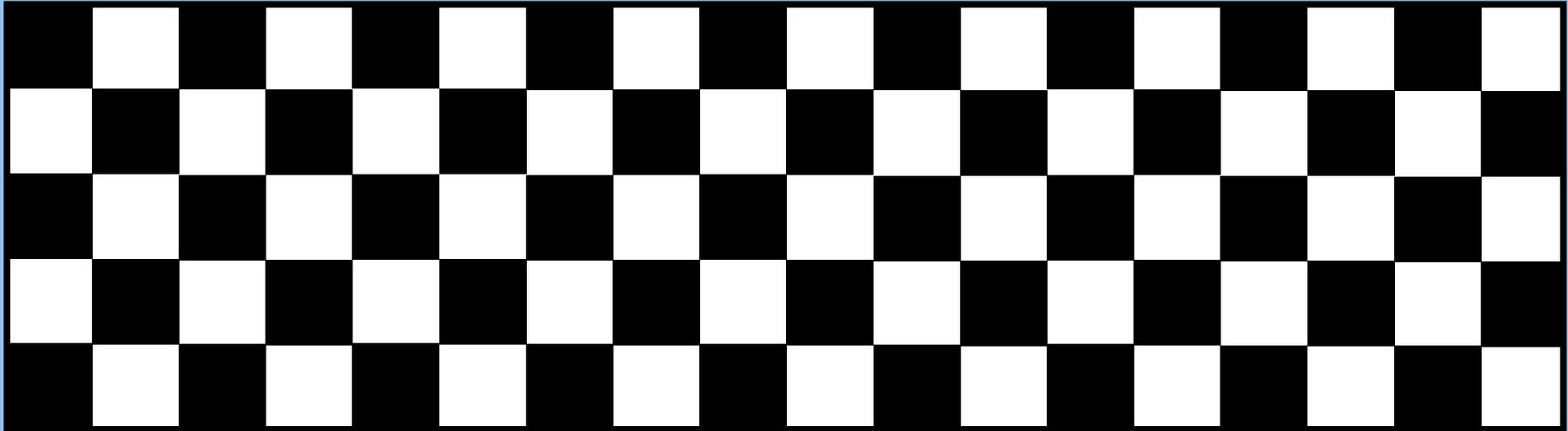


TIP:
Use photographs of your spaces and activities!

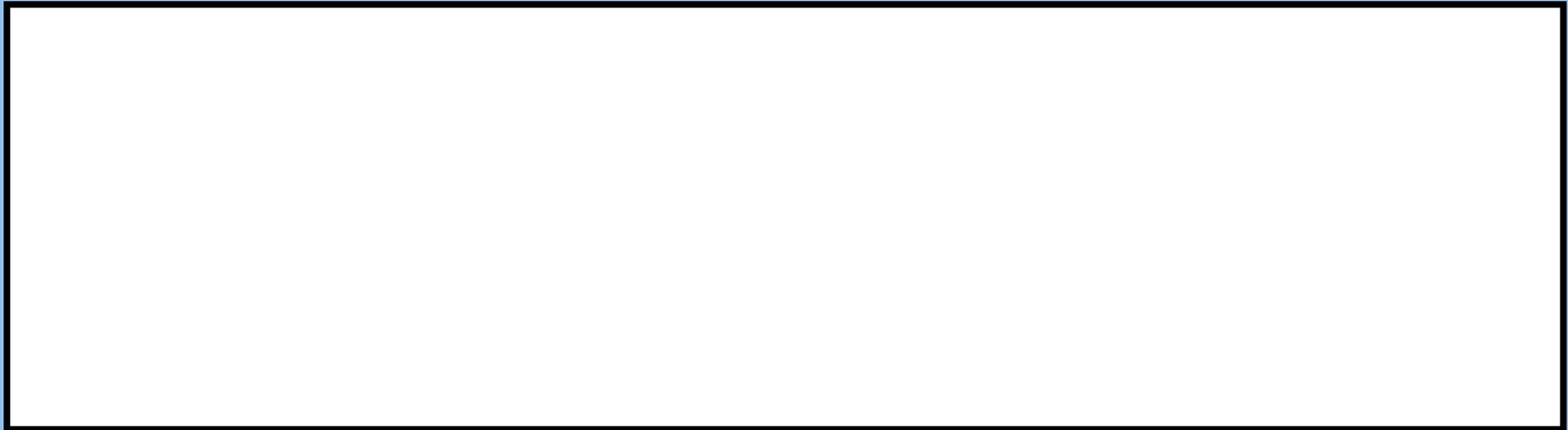


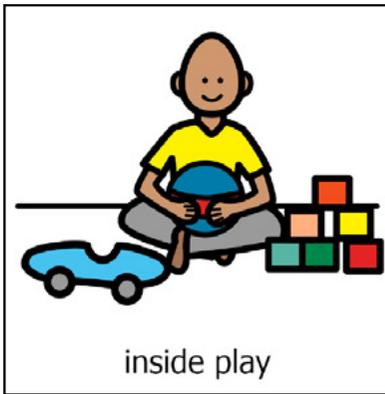


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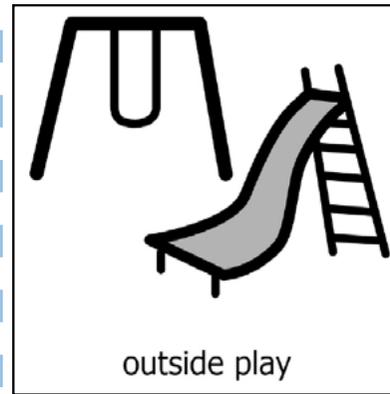


To do

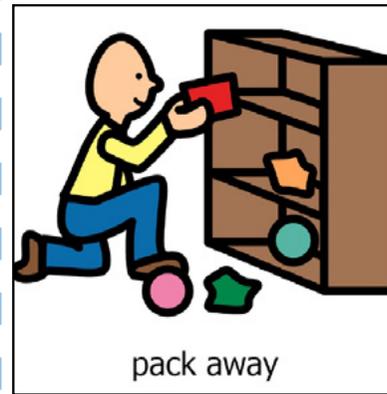




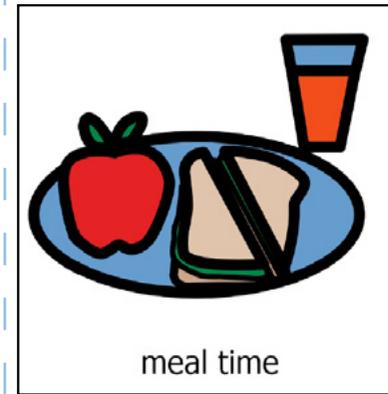
inside play



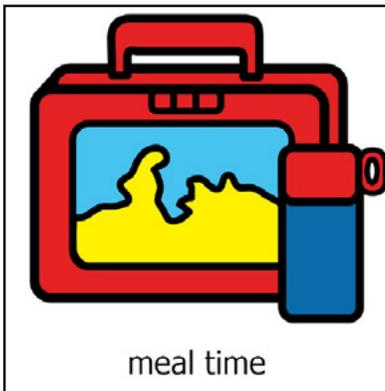
outside play



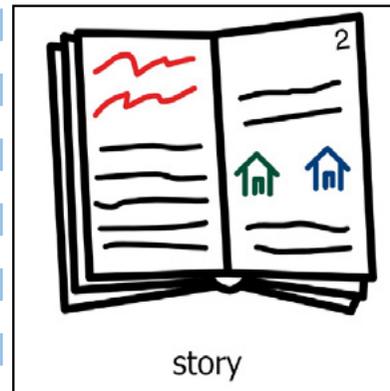
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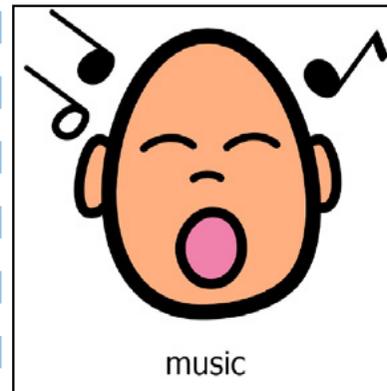
meal time



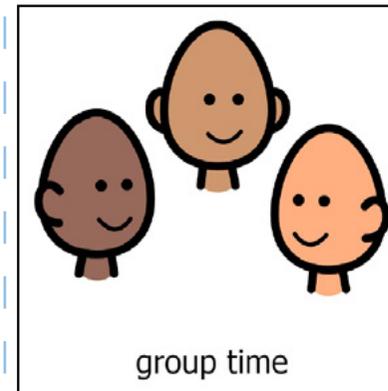
meal time



story



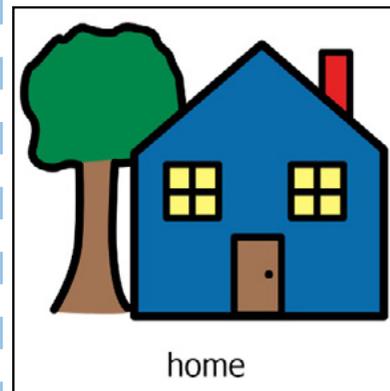
music



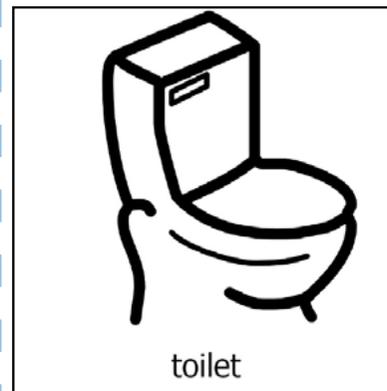
group time



rest time



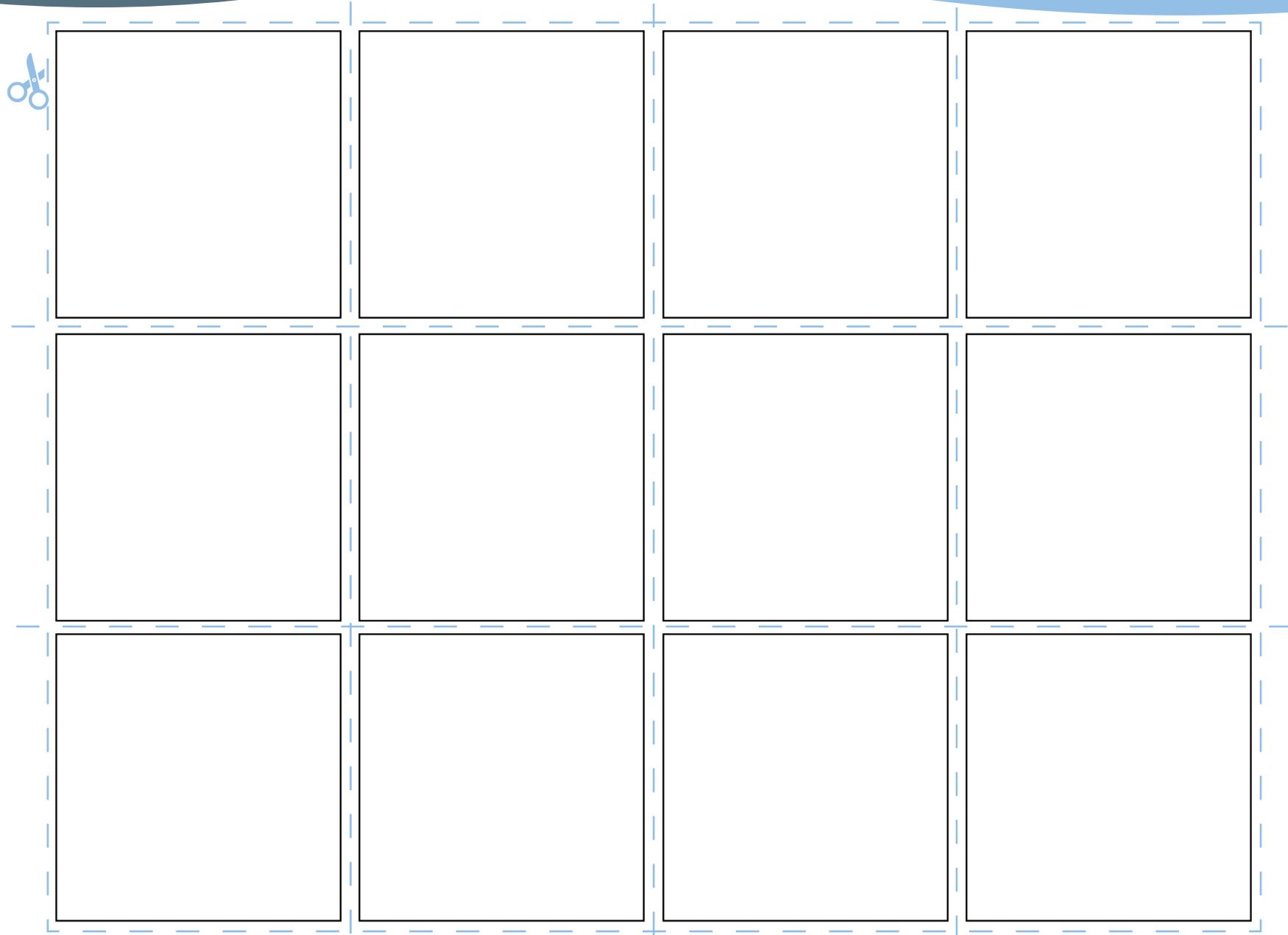
home



toilet



wash hands

A large grid consisting of 12 empty rectangular boxes arranged in 3 rows and 4 columns. The grid is defined by solid black lines for the boxes and dashed blue lines for the overall structure. A small icon of a pair of scissors is located in the top-left corner of the first box, indicating where to start cutting.