How to Choose Vocabulary for a Core Vocabulary Board

Developmental Word List

Researchers in the field of AAC have spent a great deal of time developing lists of words based on the normal development of children. They found that young children use primarily core vocabulary words. Here is the list of words most commonly used by toddlers. Notice that there are no nouns in the most frequently used words.

Benajee, M., DiCarlo, C., & Buras-Stricklin, S. (2003)
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Augmentative and Alternative Communication, 2, 67-73.

Top Words Used by Toddlers

1. a	9. it	17. some
2. all gone/finished	10. mine	18. that
3. go	11. more	19. the
4. help	12 my	20. want
5. here	13. no	21. what
6. I	14. off	22. yes/ yea
7. in	15. on	23. you
8. is	16. out	