

SILLOAM SPRINGS, AR, October 12, 2013 **/24-7PressRelease/** -- Children's book illustrator, Rich Davis, has led thousands of kids in drawing. From years of illustrating books and teaching art to kids in schools and libraries, he developed a simple card game called Pick and Draw to use as a fun teaching aid. The simple card game became popular with teachers, occupational therapists, kids and parents who began using the card game for their own uses. And art being a universal language, the game has even been used successfully in schools and homes all over the world. Rich decided to create a compilation book "THE BIG BOOK OF PICK AND DRAW ACTIVITIES" Educator's Special Edition that highlights some of these additional fun activities that can be done with the Pick and Draw game. Various professionals in fields related to children and education have written each chapter of the book available now at Amazon.com (paperback \$12.91; eBook \$5.99).

Author, Rich Davis commented, "Pick and Draw is a doorway for kids and adults to learn while having fun. It's quick and simple and opens up creative thinking as well as helping to develop our God-given imagination. Amazingly, teachers, parents and occupational therapists became believers in Pick and Draw and were approaching me with additional activity ideas that they used successfully with the game. I felt these were helpful and needed to be shared in book form. It is my hope that this activity book will be a source of inspiration for many educators.

The book contains over 200 whimsically fun illustrations by Rich Davis, and has 138 pages filled with step-by-step activities for educators to use Pick and Draw, while working with their students. Making educational posters, answering "what are you like?" questions or helping with flexible thinking for children in the Autism Spectrum are just a few of the activities this book engages.

Each activity in the book is presented in sections that educators can quickly grasp and use. These include an overview, background, material list, step-by-step instruction and suggested discussion questions at the end. After using Pick and Draw, teachers have reported that this simple game is a valuable tool because it provides endless fun and easily integrates with Common Core curriculum standards. Not only teachers but parents, Christian missionaries, youth workers, therapists, grief counselors and others have strong recommendations on its' effectiveness and adaptability.

The game's simple shapes allow anyone of any age to take on drawing a fun cartoon face. This simple activity gives confidence to those who make the effort and makes "success" possible in a short time. Because people want to repeat it, continued learning happens. With over 60,000 different cartoon face possibilities, students can come back to it over and over. It is designed to develop fine motor skills, enhance cognition, and stimulate creativity in a fun and easy way. It also is an easy lead in to creative writing. In five minutes or less, anyone will know how to play and will have made their first drawing. It's an addiction that is helping people, not hurting them!

About Pick and Draw Popular illustrator Rich Davis developed the Pick and Draw card game to use in art presentations to children of all ages at public libraries and schools. As a professional artist, Davis wanted to help children unlock new pathways of visual thinking to empower them, and do it in an unsuspecting fun way. The wide acceptance of the game has led to the PickandDraw.com e-commerce and fun activity website.

The simple drawing game has proven to do much more than provide entertainment; it opens up creative thinking and builds confidence in children. Pick and Draw is currently being used in autistic spectrum clinics; occupational therapy clinics; Christian missions; youth work in churches; public schools; homeschools; pre-schools; children's grief counseling clinics and art education classrooms. The popularity of the game led to the "THE BIG BOOK OF PICK AND DRAW ACTIVITIES" Educator's Special Edition with chapters written by professionals in these areas who have found effective ways to use Pick and Draw with children. Visit Pick and Draw at <http://www.pickanddraw.com>, Draw with Rich Blog or on Facebook.