

## Tip of the Month – March 2014

### Enhancing Carry-Over and Staying Motivated

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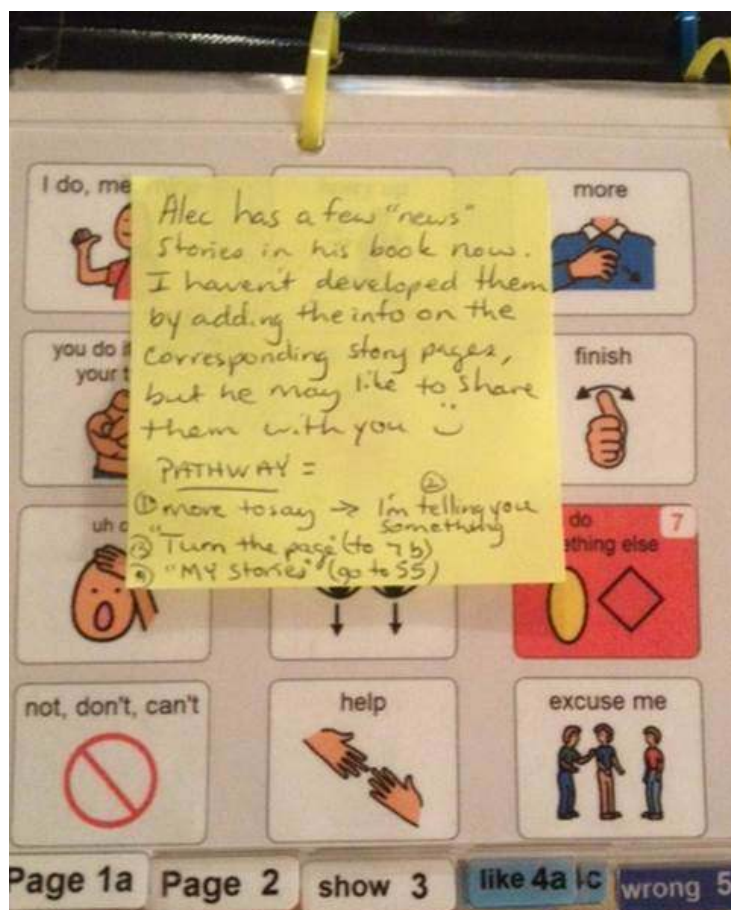
*When you are trying to consolidate skill and promote carry-over of skills across settings, it is helpful to practice a skill many times in a variety of contexts and environments.*

#### **Problem:**

*Maybe you have been practicing a way of using your child's communication book with them over the holidays or over the weekend. The school team hasn't seen your child using their book in this way before, so may not know how to model and practice this to help consolidate the skill.*

#### **Suggestion:**

Use Post-It notes to briefly describe what new thing the child is learning to say, what they are able to say that's new, or what new goal you are working toward at home. Include the pathway used to navigate through your child's book so that it's easy for someone else to model and support them to do this.



## Bonus Tip

### Keep the momentum going and motivation high

*Consolidating skills across environments takes practice. Having something exciting and relevant to share can make all the difference in your child wanting to use their communication book with many different people, multiple times during their day. Providing motivating vocabulary can really do the trick, giving you more opportunities for genuine communication using the communication book.*

#### **Suggestion:**

Don't wait! Seize the moment!

It's SO EASY to quickly add or change vocabulary in your child's book to help keep the vocabulary immediately relevant and up to date. You can do this right when you think about it by using printed photos, paper, drawings, and a little clear tape! You can go back and pretty up the pages later.

