So, have YOU sung 'Wheels on the Bus' lately? If you’re working with students age 9 or less, chances are that the answer is YES!! But are you getting tired of the 'same old, same old'?? If the answer is YES, here's a way to re-do the Wheels to support learning month by month.

This activity is for students age 3-9. If you are working with older students . . . PLEASE, find another song that is more age-appropriate!!

Re-writing 'Wheels On the Bus' to reflect monthly themes can serve a variety of purposes:

• repetition with variation! This is a powerful way for students to learn, taking 'old forms' (the tune and pattern of the song) and introducing 'new functions' (changing themes, introducing new symbols, etc.)

• teaching vocabulary and symbols for each month
  - October: Halloween words (black cat, spiders, ghosts, etc.)
  - November: Thanksgiving words (pilgrims, turkeys)
  - December: Christmas words (elves, Santas, reindeer)
  - February: Valentine’s words (cupid, boys, girls)
  - April: spring words (bunnies, chicks)

• maintaining engagement
  students will enjoy having changes to an 'old familiar'song

Directions:
1) Print symbols and cut out
2) Use spray mount to affix symbols to tagboard (optional)
3) Laminate symbols
4) Affix velcro (male / rough) to back of each symbol

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Sample Ways to Use Song

Make a Songboard

Directions:
1) Use a large piece of orange or yellow tagboard or construction paper to cut out the shape of a bus
2) Draw two 'windows'
3) Add a velcro (soft) dot to each of the windows

Use a Choice Board or Trifold Choice Board

Simple Choice Board (foam core art board + soft velcro strip)

Simple Choice Board directions at:
www.aacintervention.com

order from:
www.augmentativeresources.com

Tips for Getting the Most Out of This Song!

first, let students pick a 'critter to sing about; place it in the first window on the bus
next, let students pick an action or sound effect for the critter. place it in the second window on the bus

Record the repeated line 'all through the town' into a simple communication device. Place the symbol on the device

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boo
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spin
spin

witches
tee
hee
hee
all through the town