




# The goal is NOT to “Hit the switch”

It’s about what happens as an **outcome** of activating the switch.

 Message Switch Examples	 Capability Switch Examples
Literacy and Shared Reading ( <i>Turn the page, chanting the refrain, Show us the picture, Why?</i> )	Spin a spinner to choose a classmate for an activity, job, or to sit next to
Pretend play (scripted lines, animal sounds, etc)	Recess play (bubbles, rocket toy, etc)
Lead Freeze Dance	Feed the class pet or a puppet
Answer “Here!” during roll call	Create art
Get attention: <i>Look!, Over here!, Come talk to me!</i>	Cooking
DO say: “You said Freeze! Look, everyone Froze!” (DON’T say: “Good talking!”)	DO say: “Look! You blew bubbles for everyone!” (DON’T say: “Good job hitting your switch.”)
Many more ideas and recommendations for using Message and Capability Switches:	
	

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