

O, Yeah!

Make arms like an “O” above your head and then extend arms like a “Y” over your head.

O.K.

Make sign language for “O” and then sign language for “K.”

Easy Button

Children hold up one palm to make an “Easy” button and then tap it with the other hand as they say, “That was easy.”

Motorcycle Cheer

Put up thumbs as you make the “Rmmm! Rmmm!” sound.

Alien Cheer

Put index fingers above head like antennae and wiggle.

ALLIGATOR

Students stretch both arms straight out as if to make alligators jaws; then at the signal they make one big clap.

Pencil Cheer

Pretend to sharpen a pencil in an electric sharpener as you make a buzzing sound. Blow off the end and then point it at a child as you say, “You’re sharp.”

BEATNIK

This cheer harkens back to the coffee shops of the 60’s. Student snap fingers in unison.

CHEESE AND GRATER

Hold up your left palm as you say, “Here’s the grater.” Make a fist with your right hand and hold it up and say, “Here’s the cheese.” Pretend to scrape the cheese on the grater as you say, “You’re great, great, great!”

COWBOY CHEER

Put one finger in the air and circle it like a lasso as you say, "Ye-haw!"

ELVIS CHEER

Tell students, "Turn up your collar; get out your microphone." Then swing the microphone around in circles, curl your lip like Elvis and say together, "Thank you, thank you very much."

FANTASTIC

Tell students, "Get out your spray bottle." Hold up one hand and pretend to spray. Say, "You're psh, psh, psh ..." (spray once for every "psh"). Hold up other hand and pretend to wipe in circles over the liquid you just sprayed as you say, "Fan-tastic!"

FIRECRACKER

Student hold their palms together in front of them in a prayer position. They make a sizzling sound (Sssss) as they raise their hands and wiggle their fingers up in the air like a firecracker going off. Students then clap above their heads and wiggle their fingers around and down like the sparkles coming from a firecracker. They make an "Ahhhh" or "Ooooo" sound like a crowd watching a firecracker go off.

GOLD STAR CLASS

Tell students, "Get out your box (hold out one hand in a cup shape), get your star (from the "box," pretend to get a star on one finger of the other hand), lick it and put it on your forehead. You're all GOLD STAR kids!"

HAMBURGER CHEER

Pretend to make a hamburger patty by putting your palms together. Stick out your right hand as if placing a hamburger on a skillet. Make a sizzling sound and say, "Is it done?" Turn your hand over and say, "Is it done?" Turn your hand over and say, "Not yet." Repeat twice. After the third "Is it done?" give a thumbs-up and say, "Well done!"

HARRY POTTER CHEER

Tell students, "Get out your magic wand." Point your wand at various students as you say, "You're psh, psh, psh, Terrrrrrr-ific!" (Point to a child with each "psh")

HIP-HIP-HOORAY

The teacher starts this cheer by slapping each hip as he says: "Hip, Hip..." The students all join in by shouting, "Hooray!"

I LIKE IT

When students have accomplished a task, lead them in singing, "That's the way, uh, huh, uh, huh, I like it, uh, huh, uh, huh, that's the way, uh, huh, uh, huh, I like it." Dance and sway as you sing.

NOISELESS CHEER

Hearing-impaired people can use this to acknowledge others. Students open hands, palms out, are raised to ear level and shaken.

OLE, OLE, OLE!

Count with your fingers in the air as you say in Spanish: “Uno, dos, tres.” Twirl around with your index finger in the air as you say, “Ole! Ole! Ole!”

PARROT CHEER

Put your hands in your armpits to make parrot’s wings. Flap your wings up and down as you squawk and say, “Aaaaaak! You did a good job!”

PAT YOURSELF ON THE BACK

Students pat themselves on the back as they say, “I’m good stuff.” Next, they pat their neighbor on the back as they say, “You’re good stuff, too.”

PENGUIN APPLAUSE

Put hands by your side, bend hands so they are pointed out, and flap arms.

RATTLESNAKE CHEER

Put palms together and wiggle them in front of you as you make a hissing sound. Quickly stick your tongue in and out like a snake.

SATURDAY NIGHT FEVER

Extend your right palm and index finger in the air to the left and put your left hand on your hip (dancing position). Move your right finger around in the air and sing, to the tune of “Staying Alive,” “Ah, ah, ah, we did a good job, we did a good job.”

SEAL OF APPROVAL

Extend arms stiffly in front of you and cross them over each other. Clap them as you make a barking noise.

SILENT CHEER

Put arms in the air, wiggle fingers, open mouth, and pretend to yell. Students can make as much “noise” as they want, as long as you do not hear them.

SNAP, CRACKLE, POP

This cheer is done by snapping your fingers (snap), rubbing your hands together (crackle) and clapping your hands once (pop).

TRUCKER CHEER

Tell students, "Grab your steering wheel." Make a "rrrr" sound as you pretend to steer. Then put a fist in the air and say: "Honk, honk" as if pulling a horn. Finally, put a fist near your mouth like talking on a CB radio and say, "Good job, good buddy."

TWO THUMBS UP

Extend arms in front of you with thumbs up. Say, "Two thumbs up and give it some steam," as you pull your elbows back and make a hissing sound.

WATERMELON

Pretend to eat a wedge of watermelon by taking bites and slurping as you eat across the wedge. When you reach the end, "p-tut" out a seed.

WOW!

Hold up the three middle fingers on each hand. Open your mouth to make the "O" and place the "W" formed by each hand on either side of your mouth. Together these gestures spell "WOW."

ROLLERCOASTER

Put hands up like on a rollercoaster, then bring them down with a 'Whooooo!' and clap.

SPRINKLER

Use your arms to move from left to right while saying the s sound and then spray back and forth quickly

TROPICAL

Sway back and forth while doing the hula

FROG

Hop around and 'ribbit'