

Awesome Attention Getters All Grade Levels

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Count Down

Just start counting down, "5, 4, 3, 2, 1 Zeroooooo." Children will join in by the last couple of numbers. You can also hold up your hand counting down with your fingers for a visual effect.

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Start counting up, "Five, Six, Seven, Eight." As you count, stretch out the words, so that when you reach eight, you have the students' attention.

"Match in the Gas Tank!"

Yell out, "Match in the gas tank." Have the group well as loud as they can, "Boom, Boom!"

Pattern Clapping

Without saying a word, start clapping your hands in a rhythm pattern. The group will catch on and imitate the rhythm you are clapping. After a few times, fold your hand in front of you. The children should do the same.

"If you can hear me . . . "

The Leader says, "If you can hear me . . . Clap your hands. Put your hands in the air. Touch your nose. Pull your ears."

I See

Say, "I see." Children respond, "What do you see?" You respond with, "I see children jumping with me, shaking with me, waving with me, sitting quietly.

Freeze and Melt

This is especially good with little ones. Shout out, "Freeze." Children freeze like statues. Have them melt and sit down; or you can freeze various body parts leading up to their whole self, including their voice.

A Hush Fell Over the Crowd

Shout out, "and a hush fell over the crowd." The children respond with a loud "hush" and are quiet.

Shave and a Haircut

Use the "Bump, Da Da Bump Bump" song. Whenever you say the first part, the students clap and say, "Bump, Bump!" Continue this a couple of times until you've got them.

Sonic Boom

Say, "When I say Sonic, you say, "Boom." Then say, "Sonic," and the children shout out, "Boom!"

Nacho Cheese

"When I say Nacho, you say Cheese." Then say "Nacho,," and the children shout out, "Cheese!"

When the Hand Goes Up

Say to the children, "When the hand goes up," the children respond, "The mouths go shut!"

Silent Cheer

The Leader and children say, "Silent Cheer, Silent Cheer." Students are all quiet while pretending to yell.

Follow the Leader

The Leader starts clapping hands, patting knees, stomping feet, waiting for children to start copying them.

Cactus Cheer

The Leader says, "Let's give a Cactus Cheer . . . while moving hands down like a wave.

Cookie Cheer

The Leader says, "Let's give a Cookie Cheer . . . crummy, crummy, crummy." Wiggle fingers while moving hands like crumbling a cookie.

Round of Applause

The Leader says, "Let's give a Round of Applause." Everyone claps their hands in a circle.

Announcements

Anytime a leader says the word "Announcements!" children respond with this song:

"Announcements, announcements

We hear them every day.

We know what to do, 'cause

We hear them every day."

OK

Anytime a Leader says the word, "OK," the children respond:

"OK, OK, OK, OK, OK, Hey, Whoa, Nelly!"

All Right

Anytime a leader says the words "All Right," the children respond:

"A right, a right, a right

A left, a left, a left, a left, HEY

A bottom, a bottom, a bottom, bottom, HEY

A body, a body, a body, HEY!"

What's Up, Chuck?

The Leader says, "What's up!

Children respond, "Chuck!"

Thumbs Up, Cheeks Out

The Leader says, "Thumbs up, cheeks out!"

Children respond by holding up both thumbs and puffing up their cheeks.

Macaroni and Cheese

The Leader says, "Macaroni and Cheese!"

Children respond, "Everybody Freeze!"

Quiet as a Mouse

The Leader says, "I'm as quiet as a ..." Children respond, "Mouse."

<u>Subway</u>

The Leader says, "Subway!" Children respond, "Eat Fresh!"

Hey, Oh!

While waving her arms back and forth, the Leader says, "Hey, Oh! Hey, Oh!" Children respond with the same waving motions, "Hey, Oh! Hey, Oh!"

Twitter/Facebook

This might be better for older children.
The Leader says, "I say, Twitter, you say . . . "
Children respond, "Facebook!"

Sponge Bob

The Leader says, "Sponge Bob!" Children respond, "Square Pants!"

