

MOMENTS OF JOY

1. Set up a back table with an experiment of the week, such as magnets, simple machines, silly putty and newspaper, lava lamp, static electricity lamp (turn it on, touch it and it looks like rays of lightning), heavy/light objects to float in water, moon sand, etc. When given a "break" any child may be sent to the table to try an experiment.
2. Clacking teeth on your desk for a few seconds.
3. Silly putty, clay, goo, etc.
4. Stamp on your hand
5. Pin wheel
6. Confetti thrown on you
7. Tell a joke or riddle
8. Do a 1 minute show and tell
9. Be 'first' for something
10. Show the class a magic trick
11. Tickle (you can buy those hand held massagers)
12. Treat (peanut-free)
13. Have a trophy on your desk for a period (remove it if inappropriate behavior occurs)
14. Special job such as the announcer, or the person to call on others
15. View master
16. Spin a wheel and each color or number gives you something different
17. Silly string (not to everyone's liking, but works well, especially at the end of the day)
18. Free time (read your own book, do a hand puzzle, such as rubik's cube, play a quick game with a friend who has completed his work, such as tic tac toe)
19. Make a wish on a magic 8 ball
20. Treasure hunt (hide a small object, such as toy dinosaur somewhere in the room and he has 1 minute to find it)
21. Stream of bubbles
22. Spinning in the air, or on a spinning chair
23. Visual activation toys
24. Enclosed hand basketball game (a big favorite)
25. Taking photos with a digital camera