Caribbean spelling

- hands on hips, and swivel on each letter. On the word, say, "Woo!"

Box it/kickbox it

- Correspond right/left arm/leg with vowels or consonants

Frisbee

- throw each letter as you would a frisbee

Yo-yo

- bend your arms at the elbow and alternate your hands up and down as you say each letter

Voices

- change your voice for each repetition: loud, soft, whisper, squeak, growl, baby-talk, etc

Groups

- different groups cheer after each other (boys, then girls, then whole class)

Blast off

- start crouched at floor as you say each letter get a little higher, when jump into the air as you say the whole word I also use frog-jumps. They are similar to Blast-off. We start standing up. As we say each letter, we crouch down a little farther. Then, as we say the word, we "jump"

Hand jive

- just like on the playground, pair up and clap hands for consonants and lap clap for vowels

Back tracer

- sit in circle and trace the letters as you spell on a partners back

Mouse

- squeaky voice with hands curled up by face

Robot

- in robotic voice with arms moving back and forth

Fly it like a bird

- arms flapping up and down

Chicken

- arms folded up to make wings and head moving forward

Nose

- hold your nose and spell it

Cheer it

- (give me an 'h', etc.) Like a cheerleader

Pat

- pat our heads for tall letters, tummies for short letters and knees for ones that go below the line

Snap and clap

- we snap for the vowels and clap for the consonants

Raise the Roof

- we just push up toward the ceiling, one push for each letter

Ketchup

- shake our hand like we're trying to get ketchup out of a bottle

Throw the stars

- throw one hand at a time toward the ceiling for each letter

Mexican hat dance

- (alternate feet in front)

Flapping and nodding

- pretend you're a bird and flap your wings and nod your head for each letter

Clapping syllables

- just clap for each syllable

Army

- march letters and salute on the word

Stomping

- just stomp your feet for each letter

SPELLING CHANTS



Explosion

- (volcano) (whisper, normal, loud) They love to do this. Pretty selfexplanatory

Marshmallow clap

- almost clap but stop before your hand touch. Say each letter

Hula

- hands on hips, swivel, hands in air to say word

Jumping jacks

- one letter for each movement

Toe touches

- touch your toes for each letter

BATTER UP

- we get into the batting position and swing on each letter as we say it

SLOW

- we hold the sound of the letter or a few seconds like sit...s....i....t.....t......

Motorcycle

- we just hang on to "handle bars" and pretend that we are doing wheelies..!

Dribble and shoot

- dribble the letters and shoot the word

Pass the ball

- sit in circle and pass the ball. Last person says word and chooses the next word

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