Seal of Approval
Stiffen arms, extend them in front of you, and cross them over each other. Clap them as you make a barking noise like a seal.

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

Train Whistle
Cup one hand around your mouth and pretend to pull on the whistle with the other hand as you say, “Toot toot.” Then place both hands in the air palms down and make a “Shhhhhhhh” sound as you bring them slowly to your sides.

Wow
To cheer for a child without using words, put both hands up on either side of your mouth with the pointer, middle, and ring fingers making a “W”. Open your mouth in a wide circle. This spells W-O-W.

Harry Potter Cheer
Tell the children: “Get out your magic wand.” Pretend to point your wand at various children as you say, “You’re psh, psh, psh (point to a child with each ‘psh’), Terrrrrr - ific!”

Sit Down Cheer
Use this cheer to the tune of “Kiss Him Goodbye,” to praise children, or as a good way to help children settle down. Sing, “Na, na, na, na. Na, na, na, na. Hey, hey, hey, good job!” Repeat song, and replace “good job” with “sit down” when needed.

A “Round” of Applause
Clap in a circle to give children a “round” of applause.

Tootsie Roll, Lollipop
To quiet children, bend your elbows and rotate forearms around each other as you say, “Tootsie Roll.” Stick out your tongue and pretend to lick a sucker as you say, “Lollipop.” Hold up both hands, open and close your fingers like your hands are talking and say, “We’ve been talking now let’s stop.” As you say ’stop,’ make a motion like you’re cutting off music.