



Tickle Trunk / Chuckle Chest / Magic Box

(Target Audience: Preschool)

This is a great way to make your preschool programs part of the LOL Reading Club. Children love surprises and a trunk, box or chest is a perfect focus to start a program.

(Remember Mr. Dress-up? Tickle trunk was a favourite part of the show.) You can use this for a one-time program or in a series of programs throughout the summer.

1. Intro (Sung to “Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star”)

Tickle trunk is here today
Bringing laughter out your way
Wonder what it’s trying to hide
We’ll just have a look inside!

Welcome Song

What have we inside our tickle trunk today?
(Bring out a stuffed animal/puppet to show the kids. Introduce it by name and have it join you in singing a welcome song)

Examples:

“If you’re happy and you know it”
“Hello, good-morning and how are you?”

2. Stories That Make You Laugh

For suggestions, look at our booklist of LOL Picture Books or pick one of your own favourites to read to the children.

Example: *Andrew’s Loose Tooth* by Robert Munsch

3. Rhymes and Fingerplays

Traditional rhymes

There are many amusing rhymes that children love.

Examples: 10 Little Monkeys
Where is Thumbkin?

4. Songs That Make You Laugh

You can find the lyrics and music for many children’s songs on the Internet or on CD’s at your library. You may know some other songs that you would enjoy sharing with the children.

Examples: Hokey-Pokey
Six Little Ducks
On Top of Spaghetti

5. Nonsense Rhyme—*LOL*

Point to the poster or the activity booklet with the letters *LOL* and say:

At the library,
Where we all go,
I saw a word,
I did not know,
It looks like Loll
Or maybe lole

What does it mean?
Oh tell me please
If you don't tell,
I may just sneeze
And you'll turn in
To smelly cheese!
Ah-CHOO!

(*Point to the letters again and say*) – **LOL!**

LOL—What does it stand for? — Lollipops or licorice?

LOL—What does it stand for? — Lox or liverwurst?

LOL—What does it stand for? — Letter opening leotards?

LOL—What does it stand for? — Leaping orange lions?

Hey, are you laughing? — Are you laughing out loud?
Now I get it —Its **LOL**—Laughing out loud.

6. More Stories That Make You Laugh Out Loud

Reach into your trunk again and pull out a funny hat, clothing item or funny glasses. Use this as a jumping-off point into another story.

Examples: Pull a little piece of material and ask if anyone can guess what it once was. Then read *Something from Nothing: Adapted from a Jewish Folktale* by Phoebe Gilman. Or put on a hat and then read *The Magic Hat* by Mem Fox

7. Craft

Prepare a colouring sheet from one of the humorous clip art pages and let the children colour it and take home with them.