Word Treasures
Literacy Skills / Spelling

Materials
1. Treasure chest template
2. Treasure key template
3. Short poem or passage emphasizing desired spelling feature

Virginia SOLs
K.4, K.11, 1.4, 1.12, 2.12

Procedure
1. Tell the children they are going on a treasure hunt. The treasure you want them to seek are different types of words. Create a color and jewel code by making a transparency of the Treasure Key. Children can reference the key during their search. For example, students may color all coins yellow for every /sp/ word they find and jewels blue for every /th/ word they find.

2. Distribute the reading passage for students to hunt!

3. When everyone is finished, read the selection together. Ask students to total how many of each treasure they found. Make a list of the treasure words by feature.
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Treasure Key

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