

Celebrate Chicka Chicka Boom Boom 20th Anniversary of Publication

Description of Program: A told B and B told C...you should come to the library for lots of fun! We will tell the classic Bill Martin Jr. story with lots of help from the audience. We will test to see how many letters really can fit on a coconut tree. Finally, there will be ABC crafts, games and more! You won't want to miss this exciting program for toddlers to 3rd graders.

Stories

Chicka Chicka Boom Boom An alphabet rhyme/chant that relates what happens when the whole alphabet tries to climb a coconut tree (Available as a Big Book). Have the children say "Chicka Chicka Boom Boom" with you or have them shake their Chicka Chicka Boom bottles when you read "Chicka Chicka Boom Boom."

Chicka Chicka 1,2,3; Numbers from one to one hundred climb to the top of an apple tree in this rhyming chant.

Songs

Chicka Chica Boom Boom and Other Coconutty Songs by John Archambault and David Plummer Have the children sit in a circle and pass around a plastic coconut to the music. When you stop the music, the child with the coconut gets a sticker. Play until everyone wins a sticker (or you are out of time). With large groups, several smaller circles can be formed.

PowerPoint

Letter Matching Powerpoint- We made a PowerPoint where the kids had to match the capital letter to the lowercase letter (at one point of the book the capital letters come to rescue the lower case letters that have fallen down). (email marshall@addisonlibrary.org for the PowerPoint).

Craft, Game & Activity Stations

The following activities and games can be set up as stations so that children can choose which one to do and how long to stay at each station. A total of 6-8 craft, activity, and game stations works best:

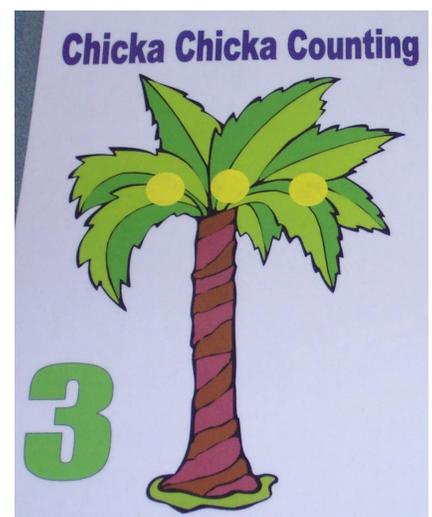
Games & Activity Stations

Chicka Chicka Boom Bottles: Have the children fill small water bottles or other clear containers with a selection of alphabet cereal and pasta. Decorate the outside with alphabet and palm tree stickers. Children can shake the Boom Bottles as part of the story or to music.



Chicka Chicka Counting: Make cards with a tree and different numbers on them. Also make felt coconuts so the kids could count out the right numbers for each tree (see photo at right).

Chicka Chicka Felt Board- Make laminated letters with Velcro on back and a tree out of felt. Sew tree to a felt background so they could play with the letters (see photo at left)



Alphabet Stations: Other stations that include alphabet puzzles, alphabet lacing cards, magnetic letters, and other alphabet activities can be added.

Crafts

Alphabet bracelets:- Purchase large alphabet letters to make either ABC or name bracelets. String the beads on elastic cord, placing white beads between the letters.

Chicka Chicka Pictures:- Make two types of pictures. Make one with parts of a coconut tree printed on the sheet (see right). The children could cut it out and paste it to another piece of paper. The other tree activity is a sheet with a palm tree printed on it. (see photo below) Children can then add alphabet stickers to the trees.



Snacks: Alphabet and macaroon cookies.

Other Have a fresh coconut that you can give samples of the coconut and the milk for children to taste. Hand out “Every Child Ready to Read” information and talk about how parents can help their child be ready to read.

Online Sources of Ideas

Crafts, games, activities <http://w4.nkcsd.k12.mo.us/~rbeckett/Chicka.htm>

Party ideas Party Ideas www.birthdaypartyideas.com

More information or questions?

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