SUNCOAST CAMPAIGN FOR GRADE-LEVEL READING

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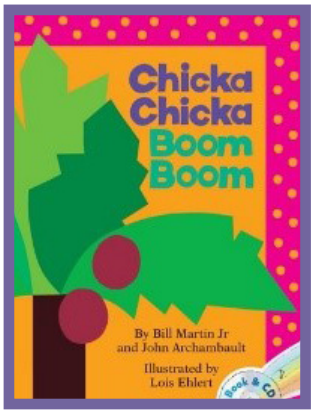


Chicka Chicka Boom Boom

By Bill Martin Jr. and John Archambault

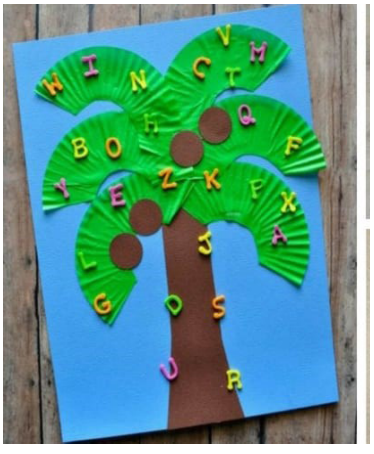
ACTIVITY: MAKE A COCONUT TREE!

SUPPLIES:

- Paper plates
- Paint
- Markers
- Construction paper
- Glue

DIRECTIONS:

1. Draw a tree trunk on a piece of paper.
2. Color or paint a paper plate green.
3. Then cut it into 4-6 pieces to be the palm leaves.
4. Glue it onto the base of the tree.
5. Color round coconuts on the tree.
6. Add the letters to your name to the tree or the whole alphabet.



Take a pic!

Take a photo of your coconut tree and send it along with your name to: connect@gradelevelreadingsuncoast.net

Read Together: Chicka Chicka Boom Boom #2

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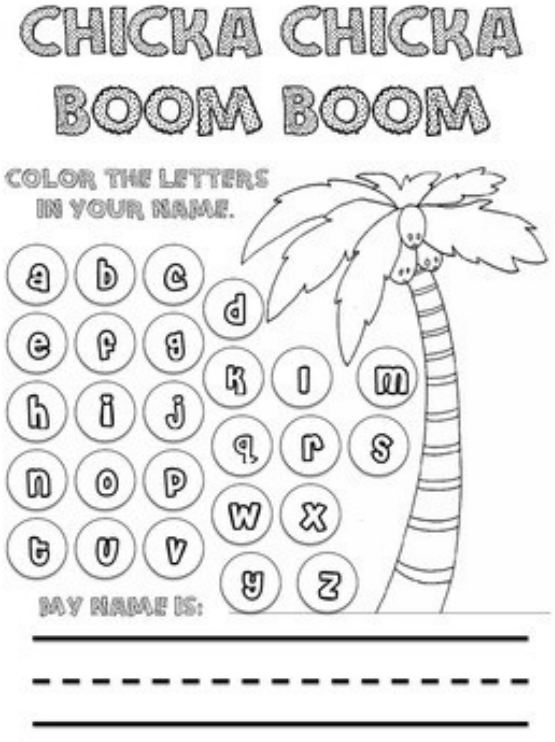
Before You Read
Remind children that *Chicka Chicka Boom Boom* by Bill Martin, Jr. and John Archambault is an ***alphabet*** book about *letters* racing up a coconut tree.

Talk about the rhythm of the words and how it can be fun to read words that repeat.

- Give focus to the reading. Tell children you want them to listen for words that repeat.
- Say, *Listen for words that I repeat, or words that I say one time right after the other, such as "boom boom" or "chicka chicka."*

As You Read
Invite children to clap to stop you when they hear words that repeat. Pause on the repeating words and have children say the words.

After You Read
Have children make up their own sets of repeating words.

- Reread some of the pages and have children insert their sets of repeating words.

Educator Tip: You may need to take time visually describe some unfamiliar words for children. Point to letters that are attached to some of the unfamiliar words in the story, such as the "h" that is "*tangled* up with i," the *l* that "is *knotted* like a tie," the "*looped* m" and the "*twisted* o." Use a string or ribbon to demonstrate the words *tangled, twisted, looped,* and *knotted.*