

# WISCONSIN BOOKWORMS™

# Activity Sheet



## Chicka Chicka Boom Boom

By John Archambault and Bill Martin, Illustrated by Lois Ehlert

Can you believe it—a, b and c meeting at the top of a coconut tree? The letters keep coming all the way to x, y and z! This story combines rhyme with repetition to create an exciting story of an alphabet adventure. When the letters fall from the tree, who arrives to comfort them? Of course, it's capital A, B and C all the way to X, Y and Z.

**Before you read this book:** Sing the alphabet song with the children and repeat the title several times. Use a singsong voice to read the title. Ask the children to make predictions about the content of the story based on the title and cover of the book. Have the children draw pictures of their predictions about the book. Do a picture walk through the book looking over the pictures on each page.

**While you read this book:** Use the natural rhythm of the story to create listening interest. Invite the children to say “chicka chicka boom boom” with you when it appears in the story.

**After you read the book:** Look back at the prediction drawings that were created before the story was read. Ask the children how their predictions were different from the actual story.

Read the story a couple of times to help children feel the rhythm and rhyme. Pause at the end of each sentence allowing them to fill in the rhyming word to complete the sentence.

Make a coconut tree using a paper-towel tube, green paper cutout leaves and small pieces of brown paper rolled into coconuts. Tape or glue the tree together. Place alphabet stickers on the paper coconut tree to create a chicka chicka boom boom tree.

### More great books:

*The Turn-Around, Upside-Down Alphabet Book* by Lisa Campbell Ernst;  
*Chicka Chicka 1, 2, 3* by John Archambault and Bill Martin Illustrated by Lois Ehlert; *Chicka Chicka ABC Magnet Book* by John Archambault and Bill Martin Illustrated by Lois Ehlert

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