

2. Let the children take turns telling the group if their picture is a good pet or not. The children can discuss why the animal is a good pet or not.

Related books

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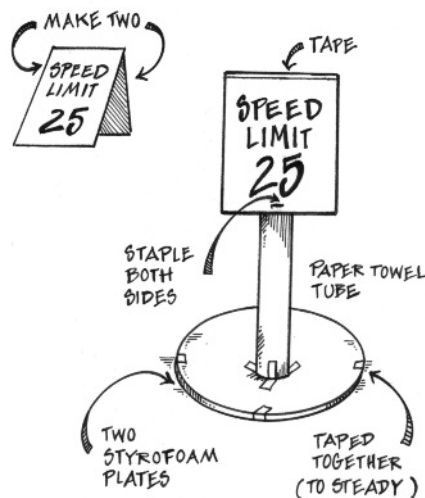
Safety School

Materials

Paper squares • markers • poster board

What to do

1. Write "Good for a Ride at Safety School" on small paper squares. Decorate the tickets with markers. Make traffic signs from poster board and hang them around the playground.
2. Give the children tickets to "Safety School." The children can use the tickets to take turns on the riding toys.
3. Explain what the traffic signs mean and rules for riding bikes and similar toys outside.
4. Practice the rules outside or in a hallway or gym.



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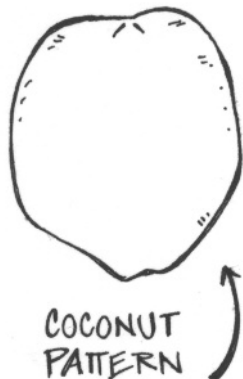
Chicka Chicka Boom Boom These Are the Letters I've Learned in My Room

Materials

Chicka Chicka Boom Boom by Bill Martin Jr. • poster board • scissors • bulletin board paper • Ticky Tac or tape • marker • pointer or yardstick

What to do

1. Read *Chicka Chicka Boom Boom* at the beginning of the year.
2. Cut out two large palm trees swaying into each other from poster board. Also cut out 26 coconuts for the alphabet plus a few others for decoration.
3. Label each of the 26 coconuts with a letter of the alphabet (upper- and lowercase.)
4. Glue or tape the trees to a large piece of bulletin board paper. Attach it to the bulletin board or a wall in the classroom. Write the title "Chicka Chicka Boom Boom These Are the Letters I've Learned in My Room" above the palm trees.
5. As the children learn the letters of the alphabet, let them attach the coconut to the tree or near the tree. At the end of the year, the tree will be full.
6. Every time you add a letter to the tree, review the letters already on the tree. Choose a child to stand by the tree with a pointer (to point to the letter). As you call out a letter, the whole group says the phonetic sounds for that letter.



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