



Book Distribution



Event and Activity Ideas

Thank you for being a part of this wonderful program that motivates children, families, and community members to read together.

The first book distribution was a wonderful event and for the second one we want the children to continue exploring the worlds of a book. Continue to involve the families and neighbors of your center and don't forget to get creative!

Fall into reading

BOOK SHOPPING

Create a small books store. Print and color the money templates. Have the children choose and buy their very own book.

SCAVENGER HUNT

Print the Fall Scavenger Hunt template and have the children color the items in. Hide them around the center, as the children find an object their prize is the book of their choice.

ICE CREAM SHOPPE

Have a ice cream party for the book distribution. Turn your center into a ice cream shoppe and invite the children's families.

SPOOKY STORY PAJAMA PARTY

With Halloween approaching have a pajama party where you tell spooky (and not so spooky) stories!

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GROWING A READER

Read aloud to your baby for only a few minutes at a time. Read a little longer as your older baby is willing to listen.

- Point to things in picture books and name them. As your children learn to talk, ask them to “point and say.”
- Set aside at least one regularly scheduled time each day for reading.
- Make it a part of your toddler’s routine.
- Take toddlers to the library or bookstore for story hour.
- Recite nursery rhymes and sing songs. Rhymes help develop a young child’s ear for language.



BAT FINGER PUPPET

Bats are familiar figures when the leaves start to turn and Halloween is just around the corner. You can use this as a prop when telling spooky stories.

What you need:

- Bat printouts
- White pencil
- Black construction paper
- Wiggly eyes
- Stapler
- Scissors

What you do:

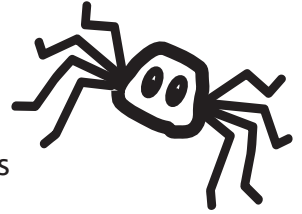
- Print bat pattern on heavy printing paper and cut out.
- Let children color it or use a white pencil to trace the bat shape onto black construction paper and cut out.
- Cut a strip of craft paper and staple one end to the back of the bat.
- Push the strip a little bit together to make a loop and staple the other end of the strip to the bat.
- Let children slide a finger through the loop to play with their bat puppets.

EGG CARTON SPIDER

Because these creepy critters don’t take long to hatch, you can turn them out by the dozen.

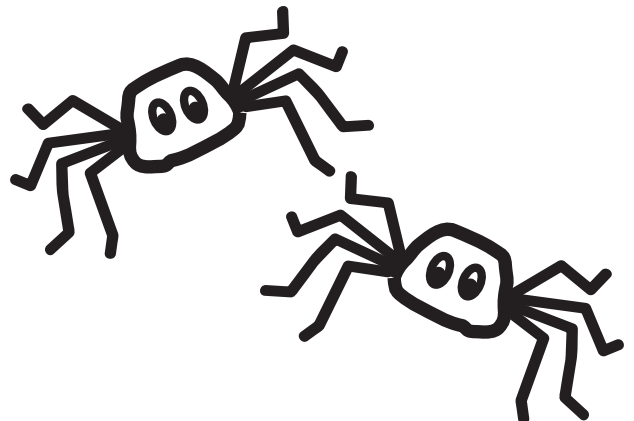
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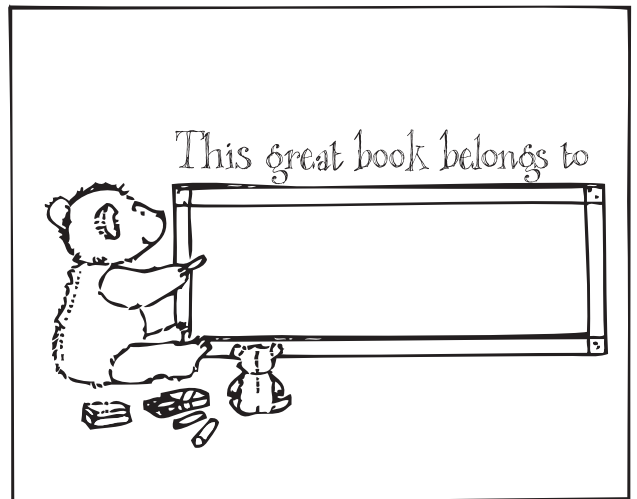
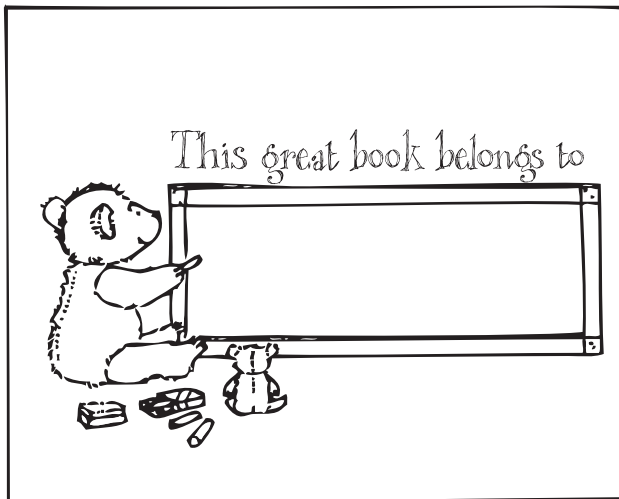
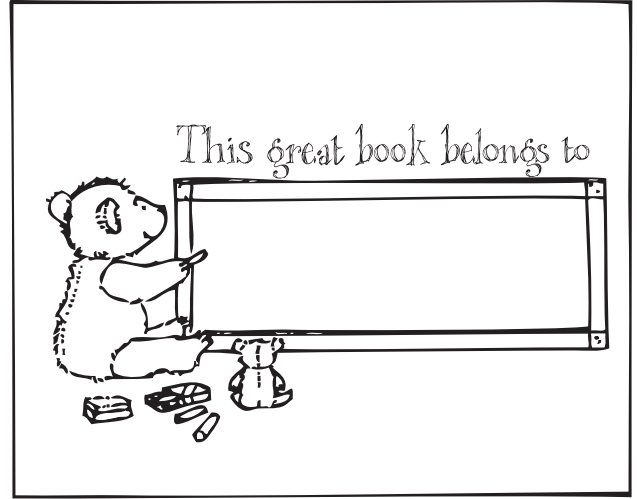
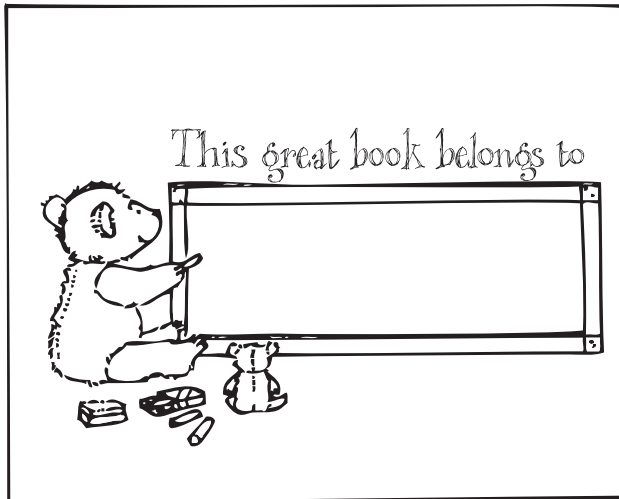
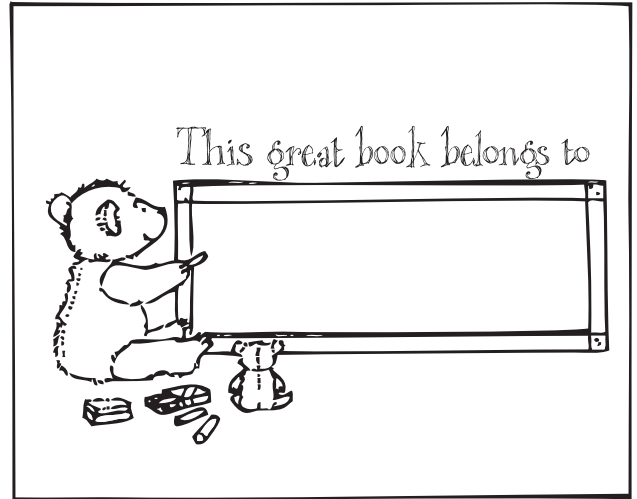
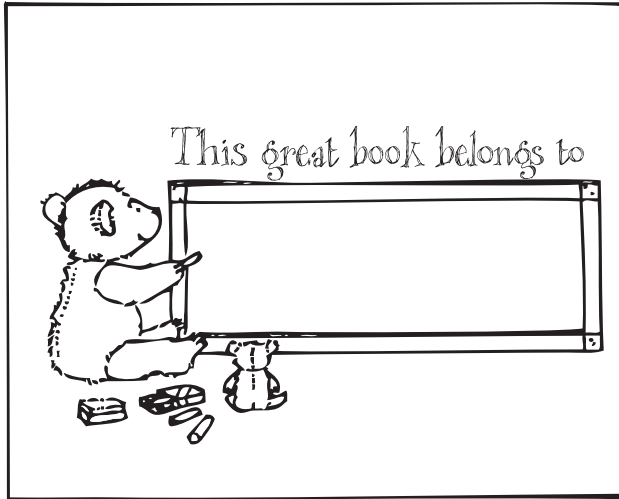
- Empty egg carton
- Black paint
- Black pipe cleaners
- Googly eyes
- Glue
- Push pin or paper clip



What you do:

- Cut the cups off an empty egg carton and place them on newspaper.
- Paint the cups, inside and out, with a coat of black acrylic paint.
- Use the end of a paper clip or a pushpin to poke four holes along the bottom edge on one side of the cup.
- Poke matching holes on the opposite side of the cup.
- To make fuzzy legs, cut four black pipe cleaners into 7-inch lengths.
- Thread a pipe cleaner through one of the holes, into the cup, and out the corresponding hole on the other side.
- Make sure the ends protrude an equal length from both sides of the cup and bend them upward at the base of the spider’s body.
- Fold in the opposite direction midway down the legs to create knees and bend the tips to make feet.
- Finally, glue on googly eyes.





Print and cut out the bookplates. Have the children write their name and color the bookplates. Then glue the bookplate inside the book.

