



# Literacy Event/Activity Sheet

*Kalkaska CARES believes each preschooler should begin school equipped with skills essential to reading success!*

Children Acquiring  
Reading Essential Skills  
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## What?

## Miss Spider's Birthday Party

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Tuesday, January 29th, 2008

3:30pm - 5:00pm

## How?

Your child will enjoy different literacy related activities during Miss Spider's birthday party. They will get to go on a bug hunt and look for letters with their own binoculars, make a birthday card for Miss Spider and take a picture and decorate a frame that will be "cute as a bug!" Children will also take home their own book, *Miss Spider's ABC*. The colorful illustrations and different "bugs" will have your child reading it over and over again. This book is great to help encourage children to read non-fiction books.

## Why?

<p><b>Oral Language:</b> As you read the story, <i>Miss Spider's ABC</i>, talk to your child about the different words throughout the story. This will help increase their oral language skills and also build their vocabulary.</p>	<p><b>Letter Knowledge:</b> This book has a page for each letter of the alphabet. Ask your child to find that specific letter on the page and how many times it appears.</p>
<p><b>Phonological Awareness:</b> This book contains alliteration. Words that start with the same letter or sound, like "ladybugs laugh," is an example of alliteration. As you read the book with your child, point out the words that start with the same sound.</p>	<p><b>Print Awareness:</b> Before reading the story with your child, tell them the authors name and ask them, "what does an author do?" If they don't know, tell them, "writes the story." Do this with the illustrator as well. These activities will help develop your child's print awareness.</p>

Ideas for home...

- Use magazines, newspapers, cereal boxes, etc. to cut out items to make your own ABC book at home!
- Use your binoculars to continue your bug hunt at home. Find other ways to use your binoculars, such as looking at birds or the stars at night.

Did you know...

- Reading aloud regularly to your child is the single best activity to help your child learn to read and to learn to enjoy the "magic" of books.

**Oral Language-** the language used in speaking and listening.

**Phonological Awareness-** the sounds of language including rhymes, words, sentences, and syllables.

**Alphabet Knowledge-** knowing the names and shapes of the letters of the alphabet.

**Print Awareness-** knowing about print and books and how they are used.