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Emerging literacy puts a focus in early childhood on reading and reading-like behaviours, rather than reading readiness. This allows the child to practice reading skills rather than just get ready for them.

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### Introduction to Rebus Chants by Kim Deibert

**Purpose** - to encourage "reading-like" behaviour and give beginning readers the repetition and sense of accomplishment they need.

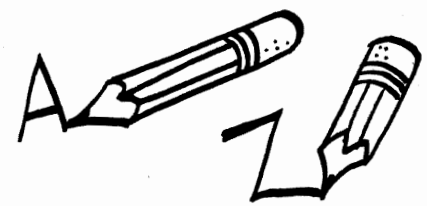
**Organization** - photocopy chants for each student. A one inch margin is left on the pages for a three-hole punch. Use a duo-tang to store the chants. Glue the cover page on the outside of the duo-tang. The chants can be stapled and sent home at the end of a theme or stored in the duo-tang all year.

#### Procedure

##### 1. Introducing the chant

- Draw attention to the title, underlined. Read it.
- Look over the pictures and say them together.
- Ask the students if they see any words they know, or any repeated words.

### Teacher Notes or Points to Mention in Some of the Chants



#### The Ant Ate a Big Red Apple

The McIntosh is a variety of apple. The McIntosh was developed in Canada. McIntosh apples are grown in Ontario and British Columbia. Sing this chant to the tune of "The Bear Went Over the Mountain."

#### Aunt Annie is Afraid of Ants

Look through a magnifying glass to show what Aunt Annie sees through her glasses. Draw a picture of an ant on a piece of paper and have the children look at it.

#### Berries on Bushes

How many colours are found in the chant? What sound does the e make after the b in berries? What sound does the u make after the b in bushes? How do you spell berry when there is one? Two?

#### B is for Bannock

Bannock is unleavened bread made by First Nations people and other world cultures. It can be made in the oven or the traditional way which is over an open fire. What are the lines coming from the bannock picture? (They show the bannock is hot.) Kokum is a Cree word for grandmother. Grandmothers are people of great respect. Chokecherries are berries that grow in the wild. The berries are made into jam. Make some bannock in the classroom.

#### The Cat Sat in a Circle

Look for the hard c and soft c words. What are the wavy lines coming from the cookie?

#### Cucumbers, Cauliflower, Corn, Chives, Cabbage, Cantaloupe, and Celery

Look for the hard c and soft c words. What sound does the double o make in cookies? Look for the ch words.

### Make a Big Book of Chants

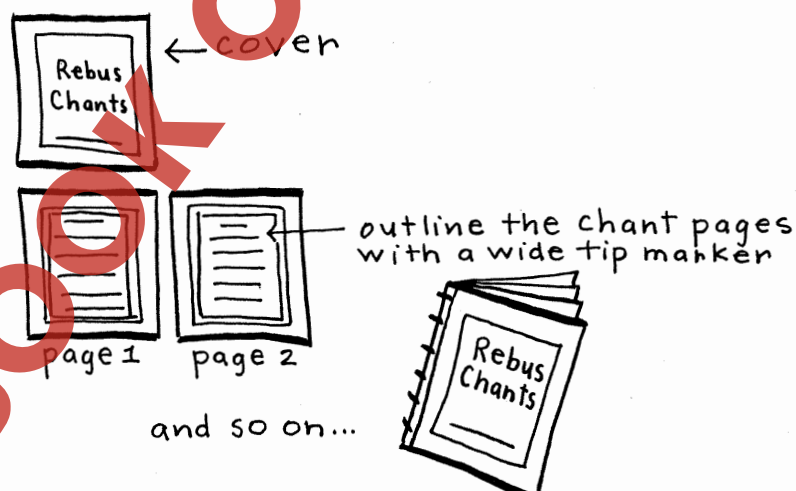
It's easy to make a big book from the rebus chants in this resource. You can make a book of all of them or less.

Make a big book or several big books of chants.

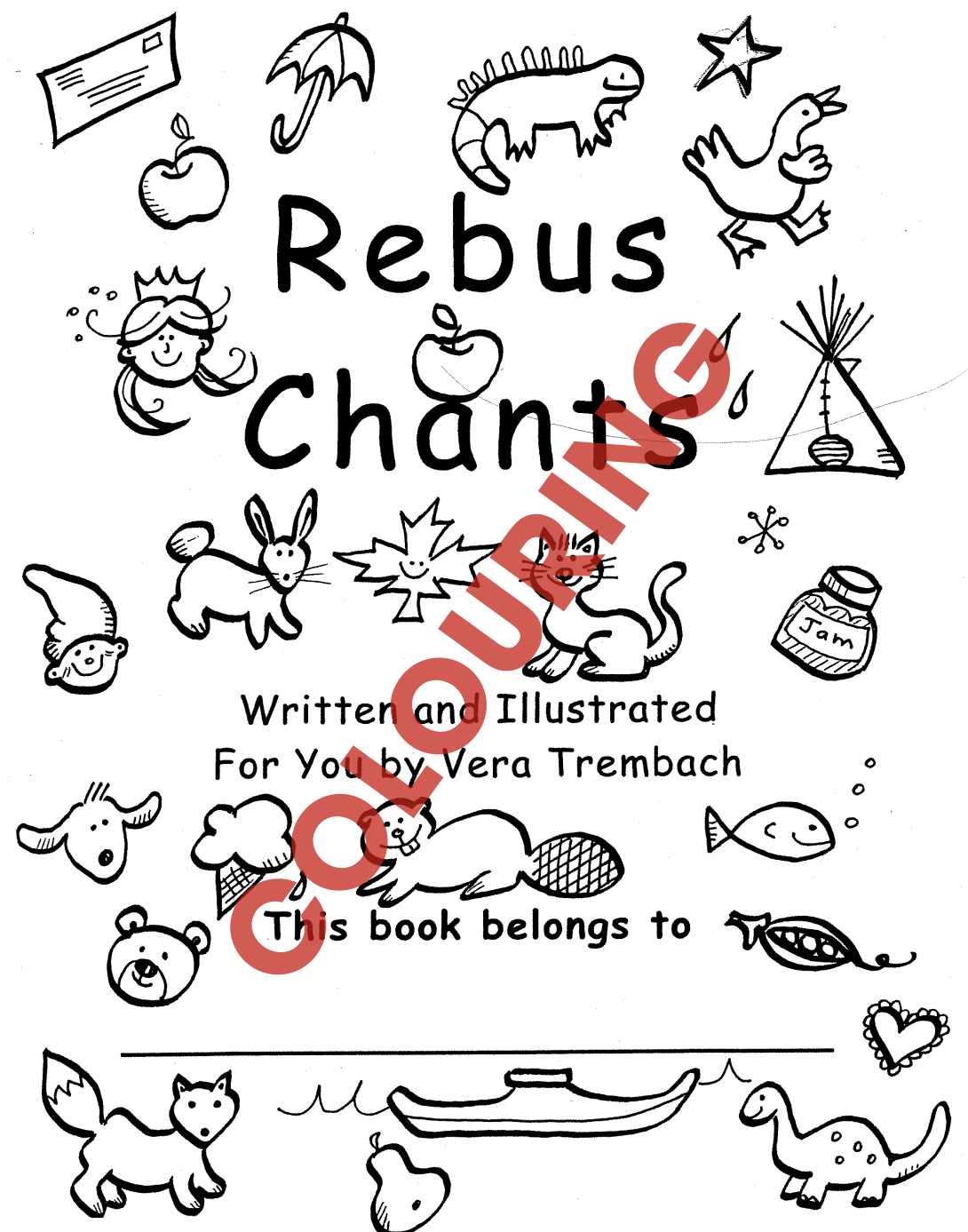
Enlarge the pages to 11 x 17 "if you wish. Include the cover page.

Colour the pictures. Trim the pages.



Outline the pages with a wide tip marker to make a colorful border. For the pages, use bristle board or cardstock. Pages from a scrapbook store work perfectly when using the 8 1/2 x 11" pages. Assemble as shown.





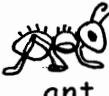

Laminate and bind. Enjoy in the classroom for shared reading and then place in the class library for everyone to enjoy.



### The Ant Ate a Big Red Apple

The  ate a big red  .

The  ate a big red  .


The  ate a big red  .

It was a McIntosh.



The ant spit out all the  seeds .

The ant spit out all the  seeds .

The ant spit out all the  seeds .

And up grew McIntosh  trees .

### Aunt Annie is Afraid of Ants


 Aunt Annie is  afraid of ants .

So I asked her,

"Why?"

 Aunt Annie said,

"With my new  glasses ,

The  ants

Are magnified."

### The Earth is Where Everyone Lives

The  earth is where

Everyone lives,

Everyone shares,

And everyone gives.



One  family

Under one  sun ,

Everyone is happy,

And having fun.

### The Gnome's Garden

I saw a  gnome at the garden  gate .

I saw him wink his  eye .

He said, "Come into my garden.

I will show you why."

The  gnome grew big white  gardenias ,

The  leaves were shiny green,

In the most gorgeous garden,

I have ever seen.