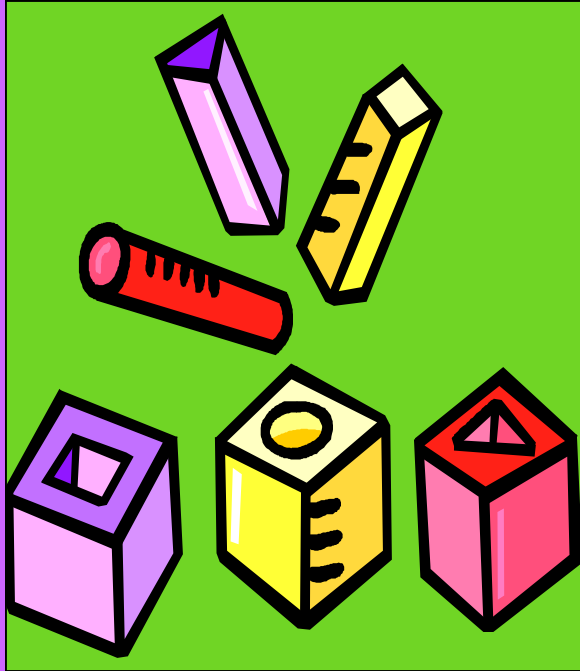


SHAPES

Lesson

Our world is full of shapes. We see these shapes in our environment every day. Now is a great time to begin teaching your child about the basic shapes they'll need to know for preschool or kindergarten. These basic shapes include squares, circles, triangles, rectangles, and diamonds.



Outing

Go outside with your child and look for shapes such as circles, triangles, squares, rectangles, stars, and diamonds. This will help your child make the connection between the shapes he learns about at home and shapes in the world around him.

Snack Time

Ingredients: Drink, cheese, and bread.

Directions: Cut the cheese into different shapes and slice the bread into shapes that match the shapes of the cheese. Then make a "shapeful" sandwich. The shapes that are put together for the sandwich can match each other or be varied.



Activity & Games

One good way to teach your child about shapes is to help them remember a shape poem such as:

- **CIRCLE, CIRCLE**, Never ending. Just like Mother's stack of mending.
- **TRIANGLE, TRIANGLE**, Has three sides. In the corner she always hides.
- **RECTANGLE, RECTANGLE**, Two short, two long. Remember this rule and you won't go wrong.



Reading Time

- Shapes, by Creative Teaching Press
- BOZ the Green Bear Next Door: I Spy Shapes with BOZ, Board Book, by Christine Harder Tangvald
- The Shape of Things, by Dandi Daley Mackall

