

BOOKS TO GROW

Johnson County Library's

Kit theme: **SHAPE and SIZE - Toddlers**

- Book titles included:
 1. **Little Cloud** by Eric Carle
 2. **Big, Bigger, Biggest** by Nancy Coffelt
 3. **Round Like a Ball** by Lisa Campbell Ernst
 4. **I'm the Biggest Thing in the Ocean** by Kevin Sherry
 5. **Mouse Shapes** by Ellen Stoll Walsh
- DVD: **Meet the Shapes**
- CD: **You're My Little Bird**

Additional titles available at the Johnson County Library:

Brown Rabbit's Shape Book by Alan Baker
Big and Small, Room for All by Jo Ellen Bogart
The Shape Game by Anthony Browne
Woof! Woof! by David A. Carter
Color Zoo by Lois Ehlert
A Pig is Big by Douglas Florian
Orange Pear Apple Bear by Emily Gravett
Circle Dogs by Kevin Henkes
So Many Circles, So Many Squares by Tana Hoban
Alphabatics by Suse MacDonald
Big and Little by Margaret Miller
A Star in My Orange by Dana Rau
It Looked Like Spilt Milk by Charles Green Shaw
Shapes, Sizes and More Surprises by Mary Tomczyk
My First Look at Sizes by Jane Yorke



See the back for activities to help get children get ready to read with these 6 by 6 early literacy areas:

Have Fun With Books

Notice Print

Talk, Talk, Talk

Tell Stories

Look for Letters

Take Time to Rhyme

Activity Ideas – Shape and Size Toddler

- **Shape Art** - Place masking tape on a piece of finger painting paper to create the shape of your choice. Allow the child to paint the picture. After the paint has dried remove the tape.
- Put shape blocks, attribute blocks (or items of different shapes) in a bag. Let children reach in and attempt to identify the shape without looking at it. Have them justify the guess before removing the shape from the bag to encourage broadening their vocabulary.
- **Shape Sizing** - Cut out many different sized shapes. Ask the children to line up the shapes from largest to smallest.
- **Making Shapes** - Challenge children to make various shapes using their hands and fingers. Now ask them to use their whole body to create the shapes.
- Play the game “I Spy with my Little Eye” using shapes. For instance, “I spy with my little eye, something round and red.” Recognizing shapes will help your child be able to distinguish the shapes in letters.
- After reading *Little Cloud*, cut copies of the cloud shapes from newsprint (or some special paper) to tape to the ceiling. Lie back and talk about what you see!
- **Shape Detective**
Take a plain sheet of paper. Down the left hand margin, draw a circle, square, triangle, and rectangle. Let the children go on a shape hunt. Walk slowly through your classroom or home. Each time you find something that matches one of the shapes, make a check mark next to that shape. When you have finished your shape hunt, count all of the shapes you found. Which shape did you find the most times? Which did you find the least? How many shapes did you find altogether. This is an excellent visual discrimination activity in which children pick out shapes hidden in common objects. Beginning detectives may want to focus on only one shape at a time.
- Give each child a brown lunch sack to take home with this note attached: "We are learning about shapes. Please help your child find objects around your house in the shape of a circle, square, triangle, rectangle, oval and diamond. The objects must all fit into this bag." Allow plenty of time for children to show what they found.



Shape Shake

Give each child a small cutout of a shape.

(to the tune of Hokey Pokey)

You put your _____(shape—circle, square, triangle, etc.) in.

You put your _____ out,

You put your _____ in,

And you shake it all about...You do the shape shake pokey and you turn yourself around, that's how the shape shake goes! (*Cheryl's Sweethearts Child Care*)

The Shape of Things

What is a circle? What is round?

A quarter rolling on the ground.

A wheel is a circle, so is the moon,

A bottle cap or a big balloon.

What is a square, with sides the same?

The wooden board for a checker game.

A slice of cheese, a slice of bread,

The book that you and Mom just read.

What is a rectangle, straight and tall?

The door that stands within your wall.

A dollar bill, a loaf of bread,

The mattress lying on your bed.



What is a triangle, with sides of three?

A piece of pie for you and me.

A musical triangle, ding, ding, ding,

A slice of pizza with everything.

These are the shapes seen everywhere:

A triangle, rectangle, circle, square.

If you look closely where you've been,

You'll surely see the shapes you're in!

What Shape is this?

(to the tune of The Muffin Man)

Do you know what shape this is,

What shape this is, what shape this is?

Do you know what shape this is

I'm holding in my hand?



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