**LET'S TALK, READ AND SING ABOUT SHAPES!**

BOOK AND VIDEO RECOMMENDATIONS FOR YOUNG CHILDREN

**BOOKS**

**So Many Circles, So Many Squares**

*By: Tana Hoban*

The photos in this book will encourage children to see circles and squares in all manner of objects, like dishwashers, teapots, oranges, tires, and more! The book is wordless, making it perfect for young children to engage with all on their own.

**Ship Shapes**

*By: Stella Blackstone*

This book introduces children to nine different shapes that they will encounter throughout the book. The story follows two children and their dog on a seafaring adventure. As the characters encounter pirate ships, sea monsters, and more, young readers are invited to count triangles, identify squares, and dive further in to learning about shapes.

**Round is a Mooncake: A Book of Shapes**

*By: Roseanne Thong*

The rhyming text in this book introduces shapes to young readers through the eyes of a young Chinese-American girl. As the narrator provides a tour of the shapes in her neighborhood, she also provides the reader a wonderful window into Chinese culture.

**Mouse Shapes**

*By: Courtney Dicmas*

This delightful book follows three little mice as they hide from a cat among a group of shapes. Eventually the mice use the shapes to create all manner of clever images including a house, a wagon, and even a cat! This book is perfect for pairing with pattern blocks or other shape based toys that will allow children to create their own shape-based images like the mice in the story.

**Color Zoo**

*By: Lois Ehlert*

Color Zoo features a unique and clever design. Each page has a cutout such that stacking the pages together creates the image of an animal. Then, as each page is turned, a new animal is revealed. The book includes labels for each cutout shape to help children identify them.

**Mouse Shapes**

*By: Ellen Stoll Walsh*

**VIDEO**

**Talk While You Sort Shapes**

Everday interactions are filled with opportunities to talk, read, and sing about shapes with your little one. In this video, you’ll find great examples of ways that you can talk with your child as you learn about shapes together.

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