

Dear Family,

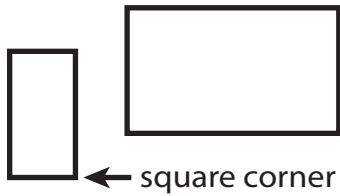
This week your child is learning to name and describe shapes.



Triangles have 3 sides and 3 corners.



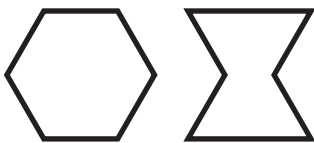
Rectangles have 4 sides and 4 square corners.



Squares have 4 equal sides and 4 square corners.



Hexagons have 6 sides and 6 corners.



Rhombuses have 4 equal sides and 4 corners.



Learning to name and describe shapes based on their sides and corners will help your child recognize and classify both familiar and unfamiliar shapes in school and in real life.

Invite your child to share what he or she knows about naming and describing shapes by doing the following activity together.



Naming and Describing Shapes Activity

Materials: household items of various shapes, paper and pencil

Tell your child that you are going on a shape hunt.

- Together, look around your home and neighborhood for objects shaped like triangles, rectangles, squares, hexagons, and rhombuses.
- Make a list of these shapes, and write the name of each object you find next to the appropriate shape name. See how many objects you can find for each shape.
- Each time you add an object to the list, have your child explain how he or she knows what shape it is. For example, if your child is explaining that a picture frame is a rectangle, he or she might say, “A rectangle has four sides and four square corners.”
- In addition to looking for objects around your home and neighborhood, you may also look for pictures of shapes in magazines, in picture books, and on packaged food items.

