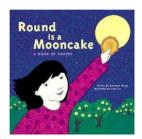


Round is a mooncake: A book of shapes

Written by Roseanne Thong Illustrated by Grace Lin 2000 ISBN: 0811826767



Math

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Summary: As a little girl discovers things round, square and rectangular in her urban neighborhood, she is reminded of her Chinese American culture.

Pass Objectives: Mathematics

Mathematics Content Standards

1.1 Describe, extend, and create patterns using symbols, shapes, or designs (e.g., repeating and growing patterns made up of sets of shapes or designs, create patterns by combining different shapes and taking them apart).

Supplies: Tangram puzzles, yarn, construction paper, glue, scissors, pencils, rulers and crayons.

Book List:

Round Is a Mooncake by Roseanne Thong
Circles, Triangles and Squares by Tana Hoban
Twizzlers Shapes and Patterns by Jerry Pallotta

Activity: After reading and sharing the book together as a whole class activity, the teacher will call on the students to identify shapes in the book. Other books about shapes will be available, as well as the ones listed above. Using tangram puzzle pieces, the teacher will have students demonstrate how the shapes fit together to make different shapes.

Process: Students will work in teams of two to make shapes out of construction paper using supplies listed above. The students will create patterns with their shapes, as well as new objects, like a boat or house. These patterns and new objects will be glued onto larger paper to describe the various items in the book, as well as objects of their own choosing.

Optional activity: Tangram puzzle making, with circles, ovals, squares, rectangles and triangles for student use at an activity center.