

# Ready, Set, Kindergarten

## This Week's Theme: Shapes

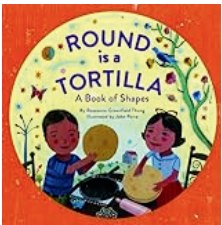
### Sorting Shapes

Your young child has a natural ability to understand shapes, but needs your help to learn what each one is called. So talk it up! Describe the shapes of objects and what makes each one different. For example, you might say, "A circle is round with no corners. A triangle has three straight sides and three angles." Children learn best by touching objects of different shapes. There are plenty of shapes at home, but a trip to the grocery store offers some fun ways to find all sorts of shapes!

### Look Around! You'll Find Shapes Everywhere!

- Circles are round with no corners. Look for circles printed on billboards and road signs. Encourage your child to use a finger to trace around the edges of plates and cups.
- Rectangles have four straight sides and four corners. The sides across from each other are the same length. Look for windows, doors, and flags. Trace the edges of envelopes and sheets of paper.
- Triangles have three straight sides and three angles. Look for yield signs while driving with your child or walking around your neighborhood.
- Squares are a special type of rectangle— all four straight sides are the same length. Help your child trace the edges of square floor tiles or square picture frames and count each side.

### Check Out These Books

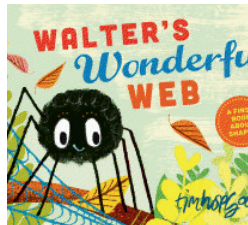


*Round is a Tortilla*

Roseanne Greenfield Thong



*My Heart is Like a Zoo*  
Michael Hall



*Walter's Wonderful Web*  
Tim Hopgood

### Sing This Song

Do You Know What Shape This Is  
(In the tune of "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?  
(hold up a different shape each  
time you sing)



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