

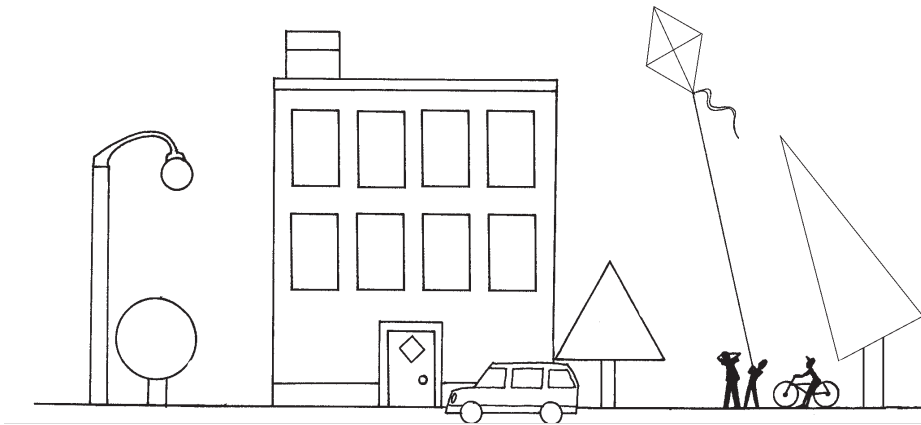
LETTER HOME

Exploring Shapes

Dear Family Member:

In this unit, your child will learn to visualize and find relationships among shapes. Children who explore geometry in this way are better prepared to learn other concepts related to numbers and measurement.

We will work with squares, circles, and rectangles as well as with less familiar shapes such as hexagons, rhombuses, and trapezoids. Children will identify and describe shapes in their environment, and will investigate the results of combining shapes and breaking them into smaller parts.



Students will identify shapes for homework

As we explore these concepts in the classroom, you can help at home.

- **I Spy a Shape.** Choose a shape found in an object in your environment; for example, a tile on the wall. Invite your child to guess the shape as you describe it.
- **Reading at Home.** Your child may enjoy finding books about shapes at the library and reading them with you. Some suggested books about shapes are *Shapes, Shapes, Shapes* by Tana Hoban and *Color Zoo* by Lois Ehlert.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions, concerns, or comments.

Sincerely,