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Dear Parents of Blue Door,

Hello ! This week we learned about Shapes. During Circle Time the teacher showed the children pictures of different shapes . They did great in identifying each shape . This is one of the biggest reasons to work on shapes early. Shapes help with letter recognition. Think about letters, they are very similar to shapes. The letter V is a triangle missing a side, and the letter O is just a circle.

Understanding what shapes are and that they have meaning starts to build literacy. Practicing distinguishing between a square and a triangle help kids recognize between different letters. The same is true for reading numerals. Having children draw shapes and working on the lines and angles needed to draw a triangle or rectangle helps them later in life when they are learning to write their letters.

Colors and Shapes: Foundational Skills for Young Children

So let's start by stating the fact that our world is literally made up of colors and shapes. That is what we see all around us!

A house has a different shape from a tree, which has a different shape from a person or a banana. And the cars, flowers, and street signs around us come in many different colors.

As it turns out, colors and shapes are a key way that we describe and categorize our world. Children will notice that a red flower is different from a yellow one, and that a round bread roll has a different shape than a square slice of bread.

Verbal communication: Teaching children about colors and shapes is a great way to give them some vocabulary for describing the world around them. This opens up new and exciting avenues for verbal communication.

Sorting and classifying: As children learn to identify colors and shapes, they can sort and classify objects around them based on these attributes.

Health and safety: Colors sometimes give us information about health and safety. For example, we use red in our culture to indicate 'danger' or 'stop,' such as with red stop lights and red stop signs. Colors can also tell us about our health. If a person's skin has blue marks, it may mean they have suffered a bruise. If a person's skin turns red, they may have spent too much time in the sun. And black marks on the wall could indicate the presence of an insect, a spider, or even mold.

Letters and numbers: The written symbols we use for letters and numbers are really just shapes. As children develop proficiency at learning shapes such as squares and circles, they are developing the classification and visual discrimination skills to distinguish between 'k' and 'x' or between 'p' and 'g.'

For art, the children drew circles on construction paper. They did a great job. Wooden block prints was lots of fun. The children identified the color of the block and the shape that they were going to paint with . They dipped the shape they chose and then dipped it onto paint and onto paper. The children had a blast playing with Play-Doh.

On the playground we love to play but we also practice our gross motor skills. The children this week threw the ball to one another, rode the tricycles around the playground, hopped in place and jumped in place.

For story time the children listened to these stories : Over in the Meadow, Cool Dog, School Dog, What About a Bear, Bear Snores On ,Hands Are Not For Hitting, and Ducky Goes Potty .

Music class with Mrs. Clarice is always lots of fun . This week they got to play the drum and sang along as Mrs. Clarice was singing about the Jungle animals. We hope you are enjoying all the pictures that are sent through Brightwheel.

Parents please remember to cut your child's nails so that way they don't scratch themselves or their friends . Please reinforce colors, shapes at home with your child . Reinforcement is very important and helps your child a lot.

Thanks once again ❤️

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