

Early Years Math

Activity 4 - Shapes All Around

The following mathematical activities and games are available for teachers and parents to use with early years-aged children.

I am **Cindy Circle**

Watch me turn round and round
And you will learn
I'm not straight and I don't bend
My outside edges never end!

Squire Square is my name

My four sides are just the same
Turn me around, I don't care
I'm always the same, I'm a square!

I am **Danny Diamond**

I am like a kite
But I'm really just a square
Whose corners are pulled tight!

Ricky Rectangle is my name

My four sides are not the same
Two are short and two are long
Count my sides, come along
1-2-3-4

I'm **Tommy Triangle**

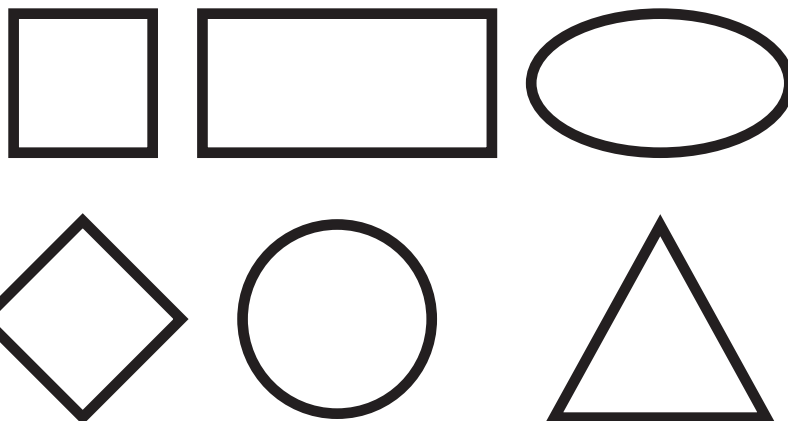
Look at me
Count my sides
1-2-3

Opal Oval is my name

The circle and I are not the same
This circle is round, as round can be
I am shaped like an egg as you can see

Harry Heart is my name

The shape I make is my fame
With a point on the bottom and two humps on top
When it comes to love I just can't stop!



Read the following geometry poem to your class or child. After reading the poem, take your class or child outside, around the home or classroom for a game of "I Spy." Ask for participants to find the corresponding shape.

Source: Manitoba Ministry of Education "Early Years Mathematics Activities and Games"

Can you believe THIS is math?