



**August 16, 2019**

**Dear Kindergarten Parents,**

**This past week we have had a great time working with the shapes around us! We focused on the four basic shapes of circle, square, triangle and rectangle. First of all, we met Shape Man who was built out of all different shapes. Then each day we met a turtle who liked a certain shape. We met Tina Turtle who likes circles, Tommy Turtle who likes squares, Jimmy Turtle who likes triangles and Tammy Turtle who likes rectangles. We have been working on our fine motor skills of cutting and gluing. Slow but sure we are learning our shapes! We practiced shape recognition as we sang the songs “Triangle, Circle and Square” and “Shapes”. We also reviewed the shapes by reading the shape books *The Shape of Things*, *Circle Dogs*, *Bear In A Square*, *Snake Gets In Shape* and *Color Farm*. We even made our own class shape book entitled *Shapes Around Us*. We had such shape food snacks as Honey Nut Cheerios in a circular cup, Graham Crackers on a rectangular napkin, triangle pita crackers on a triangular plate and Cheez-Its on a square napkin. Today we made our own Shape Man to practice with at home but right now we are displaying them in the hallway. As you are out and about at different places have your child look for these four basic shapes: circle, square, triangle and rectangle.**

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**Next week we will be focusing on numbers 1 through 5. Please practice over the weekend recognizing these numbers. Look at road signs, boxes, magazines, clocks and anywhere you may find numbers! Take a short time to practice writing and counting these numbers too!**

**Also next week we will be zeroing in on writing our names correctly. Sometimes we find a misspelling of names so please make sure we are spelling your child's name correctly. Let us know if we have an incorrect spelling. Many thanks!**

**I want to express a great big THANKS to all the parents who have donated items for our room to be used this year. Your helping hands are greatly appreciated! Thanks for purchasing for our classroom!!**

**DATES TO REMEMBER:**

**Tuesday, August 20<sup>th</sup> .....PTO Meeting in Library at 6:00**

**Monday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> .....No School/ Labor Day**

**Everyone have a great weekend!**

**Mrs. Rissler ☺**

