



BOOK GUIDE SHEET

Round is a Mooncake: A Book of Shapes By Roseanne Thong

"A little girl's neighborhood becomes a discovery ground of things round, square and rectangular. Many of the objects are Asian in origin, others universal: round rice bowls and a found pebble, square dim sum and pizza boxes, rectangular Chinese lace and very special pencil case. Bright art accompanies this lively introduction to shapes and short glossary explains the cultural significance of the objects featured in the book."

REMEMBER TO:

1. Try to sit with your child between you and your Early Learning Specialist.
2. Invite your child to look and listen.
3. Show and read the title page.
4. Show and describe how to turn the pages and handle the book.
5. Allow your child to hold the book, see the pictures and turn the pages.
6. Read slowly enough for your child to understand.
7. Stop periodically to ask questions about the story and pictures.
8. Follow your child's lead. Notice what your child is looking at or talking about and comment about it.

Name and encourage your child to point out and name:

- **Labels:** house, mooncake, moon, lantern, pebble, fish bowl, goldfish, rice bowl, mouse, ball, kitten, checkerboard, name chop, tofu, radish cake, pizza, dim sum, basket, box, window, inking stone, mobile phone, lace, pencil case, rice, abacus, puppet, cricket, ticket, envelope, book, paintbrush rack, lucky money
- **Colors:** yellow lantern, goldfish, red envelope, black ink, green leaves
- **Shapes:** round mooncake, round bowl, square checkerboard, square dim sum, rectangular ticket, rectangular envelope
- **Numbers:** How many grains of rice are inside the bowl? How many squares can you find in the book?
- **Spatial relationships:** The little girl is sitting at a table beneath a tree.

Ask questions related to the story and pictures to help your child reason things out:

- Why are the children happy?
- What can the little girl do with the paintbrush and ink?
- What do you think is inside the red envelope?

Invite your child to tell about experiences related to the story and pictures:

- Can you find something in your home that is round? Squared? Rectangular?
- Have you ever eaten a mooncake? How did it taste?
- The little girl in the book has a lot of pets. Do you have a pet?

For more fun with your child:

- The girl in the story identifies shapes of familiar objects at home and in her neighborhood. Take a shape walk around your home and neighborhood to talk about the shapes you see. Use shape names or descriptions when talking with your child.

Remember throughout the home visit to:

ENCOURAGE your child to talk.

PRAISE your child.

ASK your child questions.

HELP your child when needed.

LISTEN to your child's answers.

RESPOND to your child's answers.

Have fun! Show your child that reading is enjoyable.