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Shapes

Why is it important? Shapes are important for a lot of different reasons. Kids who can easily discern shapes have a better time telling letters and numbers apart. Shapes are known to help solidify early literacy skills. They also help build math skills, reasoning skills, and categorization skills.

Everyday Tips: Shapes can be reinforced in many of the same ways colors can. We can spot shapes in nature, on road signs, on faces (glasses, eyes, etc.) and on buildings! Stopped at a stoplight? Ask your child what shapes make up the building you're closest to. While you're cooking dinner, put fine sand or rice in a baking sheet and ask your child to draw different shapes for a sensory experience.

Activity: Shape Sculptures

Use tooth picks and Play-Doh to make shape sculptures! Have your child make the shapes they're familiar with, but this is also a great opportunity to ask them about 3d shapes. Use this activity to reinforce math, science, small motor skills, language, and sensory skills!