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Shake a Shape

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

The children will:

1. Develop their music appreciation skills.
2. Improve their musical abilities.
3. Enhance their shape recognition skills.

Materials

empty boxes with lids
 markers
 empty plastic Easter egg
 12" balloon
 beads
 transparent tape
 masking tape

VOCABULARY

beat	music	rhythm	square
circle	rectangle	shake	triangle

PREPARATION

- Draw one shape on each box.
- Place the beads inside the deflated balloon and blow it up to about 4" in size. Tie and knot the balloon.
- Place one to three tablespoons of beads inside each box and the plastic egg. Tape the boxes and the egg at the seams.

WHAT TO DO

1. Show the children the shape shakers. Demonstrate how to move each shaker to make a sound.
2. Invite the children to sit in a circle formation. Pass the shakers around the circle and have children shake and identify each shape.
3. Select a favorite class song and invite five children to come forward.
4. Have the children shake the shapes as the rest of the children sing the song.
5. Sing the song several times until all the children have a turn shaking the shapes.
6. Challenge the children to pay attention to the rhythm of the music, and to shake their shapes in time to the song.
7. Engage the children in a discussion about the shapes on the boxes.

TEACHER-TO-TEACHER TIPS

- Create several shakers of each shape so a larger number of children can play them at a time.
- For extra fun, cover the boxes with colored shape-themed wrapping paper or decorate all the shakers using paper shapes, stickers, or other art supplies.

ASSESSMENT

To assess the children's learning, consider the following:

- Can the child identify the shape she is shaking?
- Can the child shake her shape shaker in time to the music?

Children's Books

Is It Red? Is It Yellow? Is It Blue? An Adventure in Color by Tana Hoban
Shapes by George Siede
What's That Sound? by Lisa Ann Marsoli

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