



VELI Math STORYTIME TEMPLATE

Librarian Name: Kristen Hughes

Library Name: Bent Northrop Memorial Library

Math Skill Featured: Identify and sort measurable attributes (color)

Date of program: Feb 13, 2013

Number of attendees: 12

Books:

Dayle Ann Dodds's *Shape of Things*.

Activities:

We started with a picture walk through the book. During reading, we looked for examples throughout the room - window rectangles, circle tables, rectangle paintings. We counted the side to each rectangle (this got a bit rowdy!) We even had an unplanned stop to reading the story because we found too many rectangles in the library! After reading we went on a shape hunt throughout the library using our magnifying glasses*. Directions to participants were to look for SQUARES and CIRCLES. I held up a sample paper square and we counted the four sides. I held up a circle and we talked about the curves. Then off they went to search to paper squares and circle scattered on shelves, chairs, tables, and the floor. The kids were gathered back at the circle and we sorted out squares and circles.

After the activity, we headed into the craft room. Kids were given a few squares and circles of various shapes and sizes and asked to place the shapes so that they make a picture. Once each child (and adult caregiver) laid the shapes out, we handed out glue and attached the shapes in place! When ended up with trains and castles and cars, oh my!

Materials:

- Cardstock magnifying glasses that have been run through the laminator for the clear glass to form

- Paper shapes of squares and circles
- Glue, paper, general craft supplies

Anecdote:

Though, both Wendy and I were super excited about this program....the enthusiasm was not shared by the kids. I am not sure if it was that they had no connection to boarding a train or if they just had no inclination to choo-choo around the library, but either way, it wasn't a big hit! The only real anecdote we have to share is that a substantial portion (maybe 80%?) were able to identify colors - we even through in brown and pink!