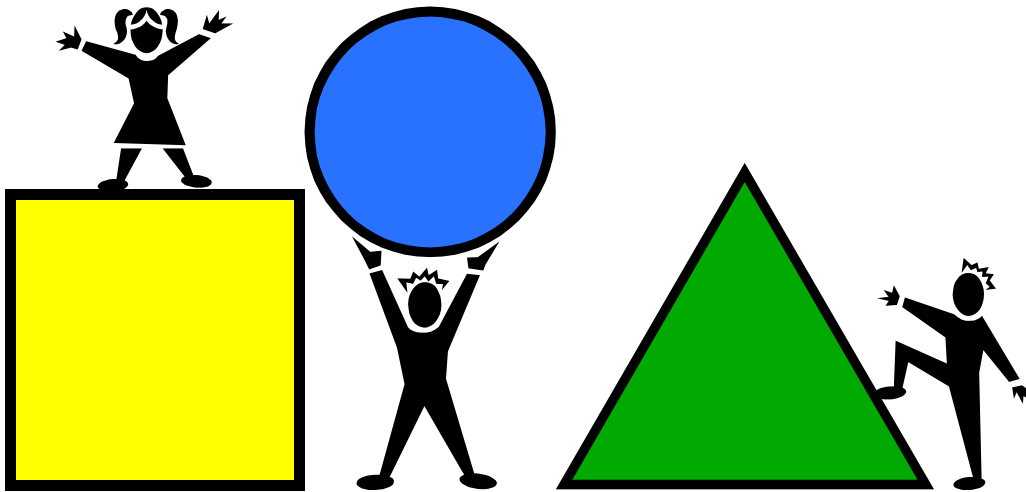


Post-Visit Activities

Pre-Kindergarten



Activities

These activities are intended for use after your visit to the Virginia Air and Space Center. Your students should recall the information and demonstration activities from the Shape Up program in order to do these activities. All of the activities can be tailored to your specific classroom needs, and the procedures listed are suggestions for teaching.

Activity 1: Make a Shape

Set up a center with craft sticks that the students can manipulate into various shapes with straight sides (triangle, square, rectangle, rhombus, etc.). Be sure to have examples displayed in the center area for the students to see. The examples can be made by putting the craft sticks into the various shapes and gluing them onto construction paper. The students can glue their craft sticks onto construction paper also, or they can just make the shapes and put the craft sticks back when they are finished.

Another option for the students to make a shape is to have geoboards and rubber bands at a center. Let the students make as many shapes as they can on the geoboards with the rubber bands. They can even layer the rubber bands and make more than one shape at a time on the geoboard.

Activity 2: Paint a Shape

Allow students to finger paint or use shaped sponges to stamp various shapes. Let students draw out shapes with their hands on butcher paper. Students can also use sponges that are cut in various shapes and stamp them on the butcher paper instead. The students can each do their own painting on individual pieces of butcher paper, or one large piece can be used as a shape mural.

Activity 3: Build a House

Create a center where students can use various shapes to assemble a house. Place various shapes of varying sizes in a center with large sheets of construction paper that the students can glue the shapes onto as they build their house. Students then arrange the shapes they choose for their house on the construction paper and then glue them down. A large square can be the main part of the house, a triangle for the roof, a rectangle for the door, circles for plants and/or trees in the yard in front of the house, etc).

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