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WITH MRS. CUNNINGHAM

Learning Guide - Week 1

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Week 1

This week we will be exploring lines and shapes.

CREATIVE PLAY

Creative Play with Mrs. Cunningham is a Reggio inspired creative and play-based exploration program for PreK to Grade 1 (Ages 3-6) where students can explore ideas and investigate the world they live in. Each day, Mrs. Cunningham inspires curiosity through home-based provocations and creative play inspiring students to explore and develop their creative thinking. Children can join Mrs. Cunningham on a daily journey of creativity, stories and play.

MRS. CUNNINGHAM

For the past decade, Mrs. Cunningham has enjoyed being an educator in Early Childhood classrooms in the Chicagoland area, actively participating in the exploration and growth of many young children. Clare completed her undergraduate at Saint Mary's College in Notre Dame, Indiana with a Bachelor's in Elementary Education. After spending some time in the classroom, she went back to study Child Development, receiving her Master's Degree from Erikson Institute in 2017. While teaching, Clare has always valued the importance of nurturing a child's innate curiosity in the early stages of their developmental learning.

A CREATIVE PLAY & COZY CORNER

- Create a little cozy nook for your child to create, play, and learn in.
- Choose a quiet place and add a small table, a book shelf with some books that are in easy reach to read from.
- Include some craft supplies such as pencils, washable markers, and paints, paper (white and colored), glue stick, crayons, and a pair of blunt tip scissors.
- Arrange some stuffed animals, card games, coloring books, small toys, and a pillow or two.

MONDAY

We'll begin by talking about different types of lines and how lines create shapes. We will create shapes and lines and go on a shape hunt.

Equipment and Supplies

- Paper (colored or white)
- Scissors (optional)
- Ruler (optional)

Tips and Advice

When drawing shapes, your child may need your steady hand to help hold down the ruler or straight edge until they get the hang of it.

TUESDAY

After reading *Where is the Green Sheep* we will continue to explore line and shape to create pictures and our own stories.

Equipment and Supplies

- Scissors
- White paper
- Various cut out shapes (or can be drawn)
- Coloring tools
- Glue

Tips and Advice

Encourage your child to continue their shape making to add to a story, and dictate their words, writing them down next to their pictures.

WEDNESDAY

We will explore lines and shape with playdough and yarn or ribbon. We'll use various materials and loose parts to explore line and shape.

Equipment and Supplies

- Playdough
- Yarn/string/ribbon
- Materials found around the house to make shapes with (i.e.: pipe cleaners, corks, cups, rocks, gems)
- Paintbrush (optional)
- Glue

Tips and Advice

Go on a shape hunt and gather materials they want to use with the playdough. They do not all have to be shaped but encourage them to notice the various types of lines and shapes they observe.

THURSDAY

We will explore line and circle stamping and stamp cardboard lines to various circle stamps to paper.

Equipment and Supplies

- Piece of cardboard (4x4in)
- Circular cup or empty paper towel roll
- Paint
- Construction Paper
- Paper plate (optional)

Tips and Advice

Put a newspaper or a base under your child's paint area will help with paint clean up. Put one paint color on a paper plate so you child can easily dip the cardboard vertically.

FRIDAY

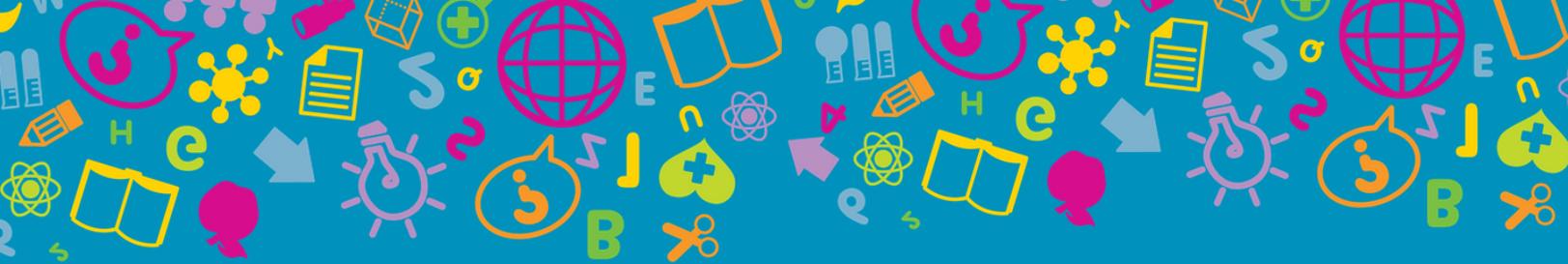
We will read *When a Line Bends, a Shape Begins* by Rhonda Gowler Greene and add watercolors to our shape stamp creations.

Equipment and Supplies

- Watercolor paints
- Paintbrush
- Water

Tips and Advice

As your child paints, add music in the background. Encourage cleaning off the brush each time your child changes colors.



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