Guppy Group

October: Shapes!

Ages 1-4
Storytime!

Welcome to Part 1 of your at-home Guppy Group activity! This section will be patterned after the Storytime Station at a regular Guppy Group event.

- Start by telling your Guppies that you will be reading a book together. This book is about shapes! As you read the book, work together with your Guppy to identify different shapes.
- After this introductory discussion, read *Mouse Shapes* by Ellen Stone Walsh together with your Guppy. If you don’t have this book on hand, you can watch this read-along version on YouTube: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SnNHEiGvPxc](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SnNHEiGvPxc)
- If you are able to print, the following coloring page is available for you to complete with your Guppy.
Mystery Bag!

This section will be patterned after the Mystery Bag Station at a regular Guppy Group event.

- You can use any type of bag for this activity. Look through your house to find various objects of various shapes (for example - a muffin tin for a rectangle, with lots of circles inside). Place the objects in your mystery bag.
- Give your Guppy the opportunity to pull one object at a time out of the mystery bag.
- Talk about each object with your Guppy. Say the name of the object first, then run your finger along its edge and name its shape together. After you’ve gone through all the objects in the mystery bag, you can go on a shape hunt together in your house or around your neighborhood.
Art Project - Shape Collage

The third section will be patterned after the Art-Making Station at a regular Guppy Group event.

- For this art project, you will need: paper, scissors, glue, and optional markers/colored pencils/crayons.
- First, help your guppy to draw shapes on paper. The paper can be colored, or you can color the shapes yourself.
- Work together to cut out the shapes. Then glue the shapes to a sheet of paper, in whatever design your Guppy chooses, to create a collage! Encourage your Guppy to use their imagination. They can use their shapes to create a picture of their house, of an animal, or even other shapes!
Art Connection!

This fourth and last portion of your at-home Guppy Group activity is patterned after the Art Hunt Station of a normal Guppy Group event at the Museum.

- Begin this section by reviewing shapes with your Guppy. Ask what shapes you saw and talked about today. Then explain that you will now talk about shapes in art.
- With your Guppy, go through the following images from the Museum’s permanent collection. Work together with your Guppy to find different shapes in each image, and talk about how they are used. Why do you think the artist chose the shapes that they did?

Thanks for participating! We hope you and your Guppy enjoyed learning about Shapes with us! Keep an eye out for next month’s at-home Guppy Group Packet, where you can explore the theme of Animals.
Donald Penrod Olsen, *Chelsea VI*, 1980
Ron R. Richmond, *Catharsis (No. 36),* 2013
Frank P. Riggs, *Tohatchi*, 1990
Angel Botello, *La Danse*, 1957
George Smith Dibble, *Marine #2*, 1938
James Calvin Christensen, *The Rhinoceros*, 1981
The Guppy Song!

If you’ve brought your little ones along to Guppy Group before, chances are they might remember the Guppy Group song. If you’d like to sing it together, the words are included below. Sing along to this tune:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g64qCr3Y_QU

One little Guppy
Swimming in the water,
Swimming in the water,
Swimming in the water
One little Guppy
Swimming in the water
Bubble, Bubble, Bubble, Bubble
POP!

(If you remember the associated hand motions, feel free to do those as well! Make sure to clap your hands together for the POP! Carry on to the next verse for as many numbers as you’d like.)