





# Instructional Focus:

## The Power of Shape

We all use shape as a way of identifying and organizing visual information. Very early, your child begins to make a connection between familiar objects and their shapes. When your children explore different shapes, they are using one of the most basic educational processes: the observation of same and different. This concept provides them with a basic process that they will be able to use in observing, comparing and discussing all they see and encounter.

## Can you match the shapes and names?



Octagon



Circle



Rhombus



Rectangle



Trapezoid

Oval



Hexagon



Square



Triangle



Pentagon

## ???Questions to help critical thinking???

—How many sides does each shape have?

—Are all the sides equal? —Are the sides different?

—How are these shapes the same? How are these shapes different?

—How many shapes can you find looking around your house? Outside? In school?

Just a reminder to make sure and send a jacket or coat with your student **everyday**. Recess for some grades start at **9:20 am** and can be on the chilly side most days. Please write names or initials on the inside of the jacket or coat incase it is misplaced and finds it's way to the lost and found. Classes will go outside as long as the temperature is **35 degrees** or warmer.

