

CREATE A LEARNING TASK BASED ON CHILDREN'S LITERATURE

Book: The Shape of Me and Other Stuff by Dr. Seuss

This book is a fun book about shapes and shadows, and being happy with who you are, as it concludes with, "Hooray for the shapes in which we are!" This book explores the concept of shape with delightful rhymes and many different silhouettes of various common items, people, animals, and a few of Dr. Seuss's amusing creatures. This book will be used for students to think about shapes in their everyday world.

Content:

Developing Geometrical Shape Concepts

Grade: 1

Standard: NY-1.G: Reason with shapes and their attributes

Learning Goal: Distinguish between defining attributes versus non-defining attributes for a wide variety of shapes. Build and/or draw shapes to possess defining attributes.

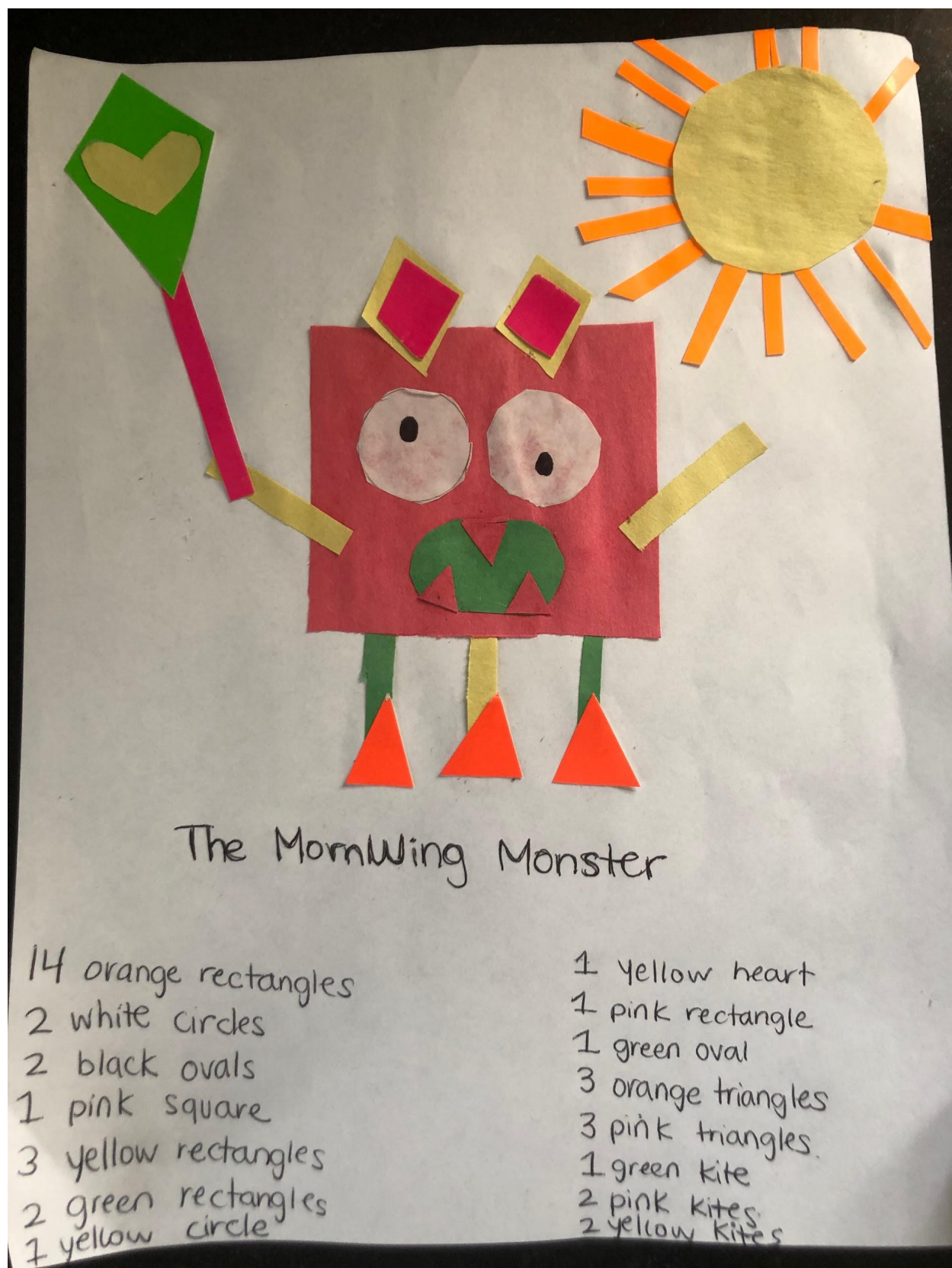
Time Frame: 30 mins

TASK:

Shapes are everywhere. In this task you will be creating a craft of a creature (animal, plant, person) using geometric shapes. Determine what shapes you need using construction paper to make your craft. You will identify how many shapes you used and their attributes (shape, color, etc). Don't forget to name your craft!

I chose this task because students can have an enjoyable time thinking about what they will be making. They will need to determine what shapes they need to use in order to create their craft. Students will also notice the attributes of the shapes they used. Students can get inspiration from Dr. Seuss's story, "The Shape of Me and Other Stuff." I used the *Math through Children's Literature* textbook as inspiration.

COMPLETED TASK



The MornWing Monster

14 orange rectangles
2 white circles
2 black ovals
1 pink square
3 yellow rectangles
2 green rectangles
1 yellow circle

1 yellow heart
1 pink rectangle
1 green oval
3 orange triangles
3 pink triangles
1 green kite
2 pink kites
2 yellow kites