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Children's Literature Learning Task

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Task

First Graders, I want you to go on a hunt for all the shapes that Puppy used in his bed! He talked about triangles, squares, and rectangles while building it. I want you to find these shapes around your house, and trace them on a piece of paper. In the middle write down how many sides and corners each shape has. Then, create your very own bed! Puppy wanted to nap on his bed so he made it big, but you will create a mini version. You can cut out as many triangles, squares, or rectangles as you would like to use but it has to fit together perfectly with no big spaces in between. Then, you will glue it on a piece of paper and bring it to school to show your classmates! You can decorate your bed however you would like, but make sure you have the shapes that you labeled showing clearly in your bed (There should be at least one triangle, one square, and one rectangle labeled). Have fun!

Learning Goal

To learn about sides and corners of different shapes, and using them as parts of a puzzle to create a bigger shape.

1st Grade Standards

NY-1.G.1

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

NY-1.G.2

Compose two-dimensional shapes (rectangles, squares, trapezoids, triangles, half-circles, and quarter-circles) or three-dimensional shapes (cubes, right rectangular prisms, right circular cones, and right circular cylinders) to create a composite shape, and compose new shapes from the composite shape.

Time Frame

This assignment will be due in a week. This will give the students time to find items in their house, trace and cut, and glue and decorate. It will be glued onto a regular sized computer paper, so it should not take too long to complete it.

This task was chosen because...

I thought of it as soon as I read the book. This book teaches students about geometry, and identifying shapes is an important math topic in first grade. They are learning how to identify the

number of sides and corners through this book and task. They will also learn to use the shapes like puzzle pieces to create their own version of the puppy's bed.

Completed Task

