

Family Bulletin

Key Concept:
Shapes & Grocery
Store

Vocabulary

circle
square
triangle
rectangle
shapes
cash register
grocery store
cart
pizza
all
some
none
first
next
pushing
cutting
buying
selling
shopping

Target Letter and Sound

P p

as in Pat, pop,
happy, or top

Pancakes, Crackers, and Pizza: A Book About Shapes

The main book for this unit is *Pancakes, Crackers, and Pizza: A Book About Shapes* written by Marjorie Eberts, Margaret Gisler, Robert Hillerich and illustrated by Stephen Hayes. In this book, Eddy likes to eat foods with different shapes. *Pancakes, Crackers, and Pizza* is a story about shapes told with simple repetitive text. This story was chosen because it discusses shapes in the context of

food. The text can also be adapted to target various verb tense.

The rhyming book for this unit is *I Shop With My Daddy* written by Grace MacCarone and illustrated by Denise Brunkus. This book is about a father and daughter who go grocery shopping, selecting food as they go up and down the aisles, and end their trip with a delicious treat. This book was chosen because it provides a context for the Dramatic

Play Center and because of its rhyming text.

Rhyming Words:

store—floor
sack—back
eat—feet
corn—horn
meat—eat
door—store
rack—stack
arm—alarm

Bringing it Home—The Home and School Connection A Literacy-Rich Home

What's a literacy-rich home? It's a house that is filled with plenty of reading materials and writing tools—and plenty of chances to use them. Use these clever ideas to invite reading and writing into every room of your home.

Kitchen

Serve letter-shaped foods. Alphabet pasta, soup, and cereal are three fun choices. You can also find ABC cookie cutters at the grocery, craft, or dollar store. Use them to cut sandwiches and pancakes. Have your youngster identify each letter before digging in.

Bedroom

Make a special "book nook" for your child. This is a quiet, inviting place for him to read that includes pillows and a changing supply of books. You might use a corner of his room or his closet with the doors removed. Make a temporary reading spot by draping a sheet over two chairs or setting up a small pop-up tent, baby pool, large appliance book.

Bathroom

Keep a basket of magazines on the floor. Add to your stack by asking relatives and

friends to pass on old ones. You can read articles to your little one while she takes a bath.

Family Room

Organize your home library. Your child will be more likely to read if she can find what she's looking for. Consider sorting books into plastic baskets by theme, author, or type. Label each basket with permanent marker on masking tape.

Taken from *Reading Connection 2007*

Pancake

By
Shel
Silverstein

Who wants a pancake,

Sweet and piping hot?

Good little Grace looks up and says,

"I'll take the one on top."

Who else wants a pancake,

Fresh off the griddle?

Terrible Theresa smiles and says,

"I'll take the one in the middle."

Mix a Pancake

By
Christina Rossetti

Mix a pancake,

Stir a pancake,

Pop it in the pan:

Fry the pancake,

Toss the pancake,

Catch it if you can.

Other Language Targets:

Prepositions:

next to

behind

beside

over

under

Language Forms:

"wh" questions

(what, why, where)