

Shepherd 4-Year-Old & K-Prep Activities

Date: Wednesday, March 25, 2020

Theme: The Desert

Book: “The Three Little Javelinas”

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bRs1JIhPuR0>

“Be Kind”

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kAo4-2UzgPo>

Craft: Paper Plate Snake

Literacy: Recognizing the Sound of “Xx”

Math: House Shape Discovery

Science: Javelina Facts & Marshmallow Javelina House

Outdoor Activity: Ball Bounce Counting

Bible Lesson: Zacchaeus

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Fe7dTNID6h8>

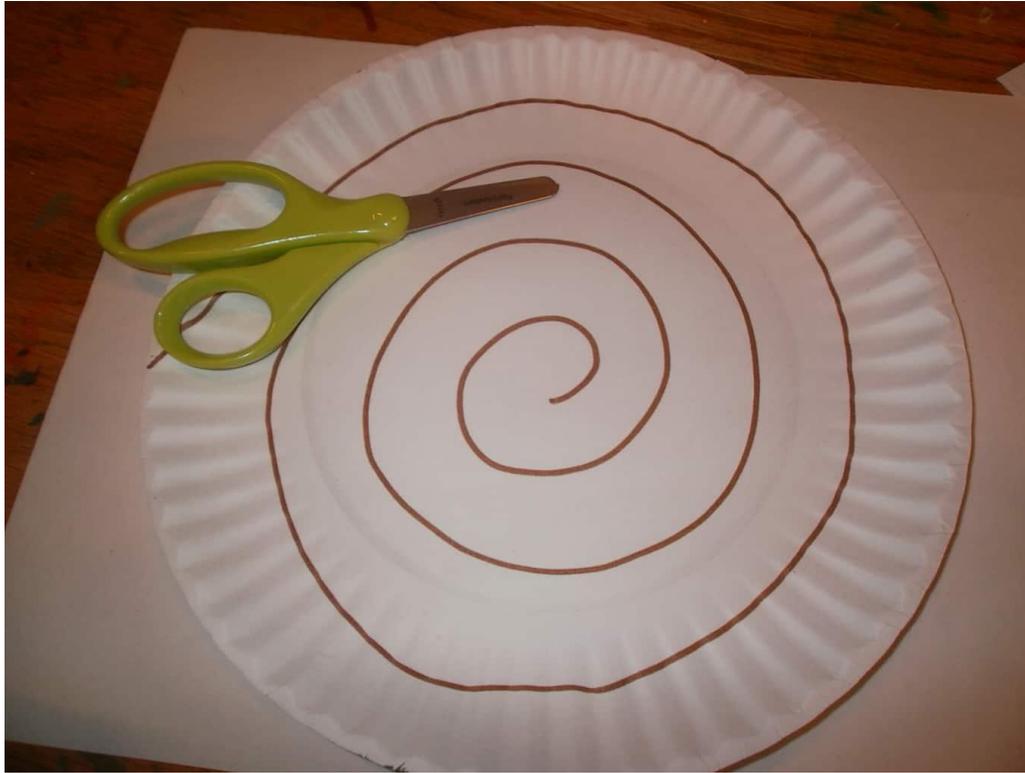
Songs: “A Silly Slippery Snake”

“ I Had A Reptile”

Recipe: Sandwich Skewer Snakes

Craft: Paper Plate Snake:

Using a variety of craft items in your home, create a family of silly snakes. Make a spiral shape on a paper plate as shown. Have your child decorate it as desired and then have your child cut it out. Don't forget to send us a picture!



Literacy: Letter Xx

Help your child come up with and write 5-10 simple words that contain the letter X. Have your child say the words and tell you where in the word they hear the letter X sound—is it at the beginning? The end? Have your child circle the letter X in the words below.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

6. _____

7. _____

8. _____

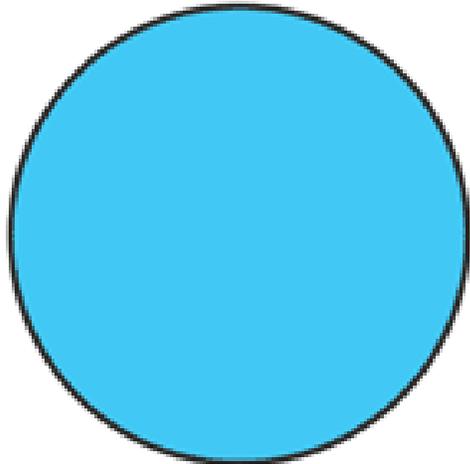
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10. _____

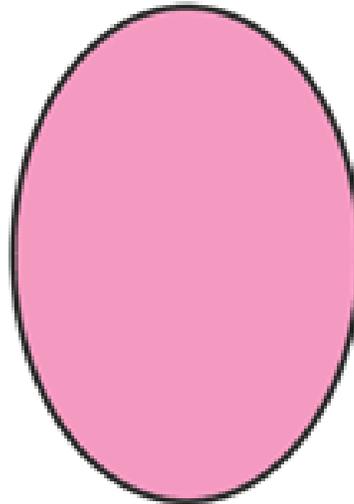
Math: House Shape Hunt

Around your house, inside or outside, try to find at least 5 items that are the following shapes.

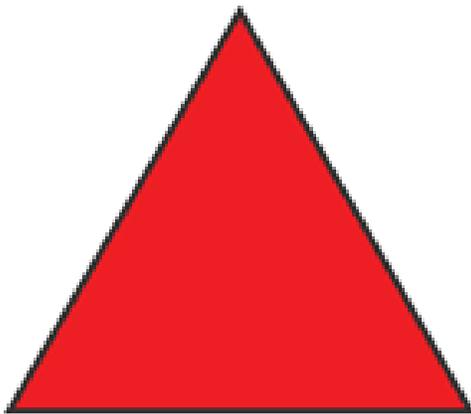
Shapes



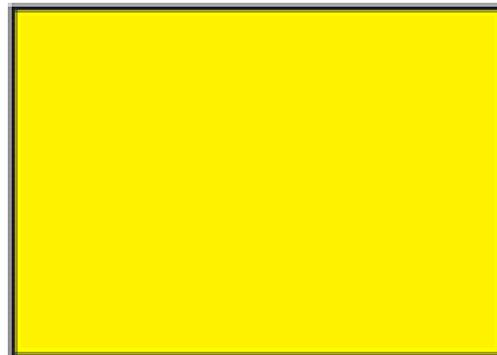
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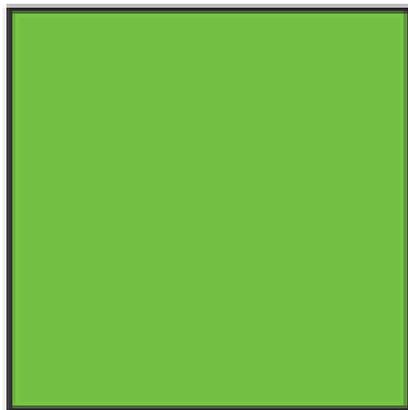
oval



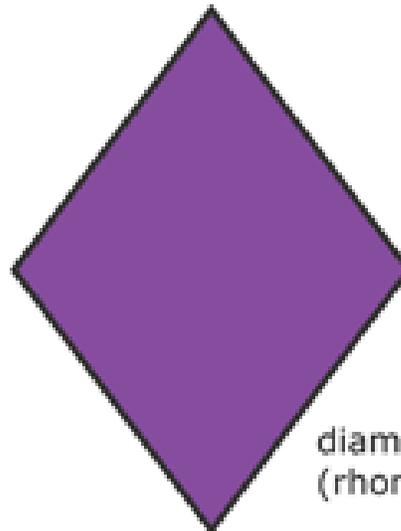
triangle



rectangle



square



diamond
(rhombus)

Science: Javelina Facts



Javelina (pronounced have-a-LEEN-a) is the common name for the collared peccary.

While peccaries resemble pigs, they are not pigs.

- Peccaries have small ears and their tails are not easily seen from a distance. Pigs have upright ears and long, hairy tails.
- Peccaries have three toes on the hind foot; pigs have four.
- Canine teeth (tusks) in peccaries are straight, while they're curved in pigs (like wart hogs).
- Another interesting difference is that pigs give birth to large litters of helpless young, while peccaries generally give birth to twins, who are up and running with the herd shortly after birth.

The collared peccary, or javelina, is found in Texas, New Mexico, Arizona, and south into Argentina. They can weigh 40 to 60 lbs. and stand about 20" tall. Their coats are thick and bristly with salt-and-pepper coloring and a lighter band of hair around the neck and shoulders (which resembles a collar).

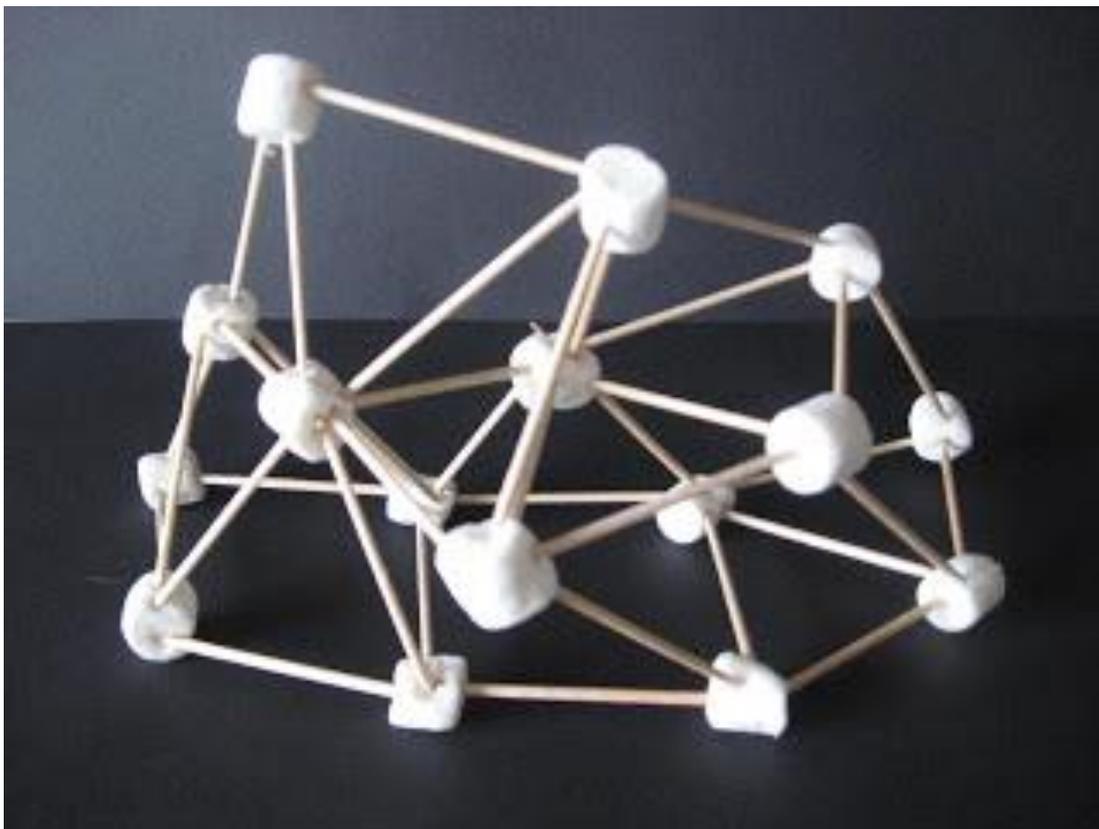
Javelina will eat shrubs, grass, mesquite beans, cacti and various roots and tubers. The availability of food will often determine a herd's location. Javelina have poor eyesight, but a good sense of smell. The scent gland on their back near the rump has a strong musky smell. Many people have said they can smell a herd of javelina before they see them. Members of a herd will rub cheek to hip (a javelina handshake!) to share this scent among the herd members. These individual scents, when combined, form a sort of herd perfume which they use to identify members of the herd. If you don't smell like family, you're not welcome in their territory. When they smell danger, javelina will freeze, let off that musky odor, and clack their tusks in warning. They may charge, but more likely, due to their poor eyesight, they're simply scattering in all directions in an attempt to escape.

It's a good idea to be careful with your dog if you live near javalina. They are very alert for predators, especially coyotes, so they may react defensively toward a dog, especially if there are babies in the herd.

Don't ever feed javalina and encourage your neighbors not to either, as this will draw them into your neighborhood and can create conflicts.

Javalina House

Using mini marshmallows and toothpicks, construct a house for a javalina that will NOT be blown down like the ones in our story. Try huffing and puffing and ask an adult to huff and puff. Can it stay up?



Outside Activity:

See how many times you can bounce a ball without stopping. Which hand can you bounce more with? Can you bounce it while standing on one foot? See who can bounce the longest.

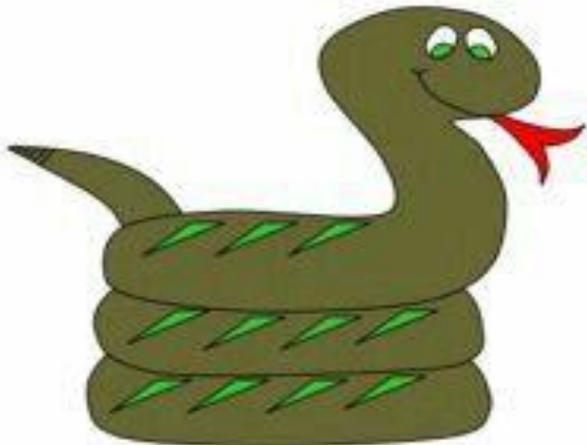


Songs:

A Silly Slippery Snake

(Tune of: "If you're happy and you know it")

Oh, I wish I was a silly, slippery snake.
Oh, I wish I was a silly, slippery snake.
Oh, I'd slither across the floor,
And I'd slip under the door.
Oh, I wish I was a silly, slippery snake.



I HAD A REPTILE (Sung to Clementine)



I HAD A REPTILE,
I HAD A REPTILE,
SHE HAD VERY SCALY SKIN.



SHE HAD LUNGS TO BREATHE THE AIR OUT
AND LUNGS TO BREATHE AIR IN.



SHE HAD COLD BLOOD
AND SHE LAY EGGS.



AND SHE EVEN HAD A SHELL
I HAD A REPTILE.
I HAD A REPTILE.



AND I KEPT HER VERY WELL.



Recipe: Sandwich Skewer Snakes



For each pair of snakes you will need:

- 2 banana slices, 2 green grapes, 1 strawberry
- 2 tbsp Favorite jam or jelly
- 2 tbsp Nut or seed butter of your choice, cream cheese works as well
- 2 slices Bread
- 4 Homemade googly eyes, chocolate chips, M&M's etc.
- 2 Skewers

Assemble as shown and then enjoy!