Santa's Hat, an Easy-Reader Shape Book

Materials:

- Red and white construction paper
- Glue stick
- Scissors
- Stapler
- Optional: White pom poms, glue dots, cotton balls

Directions:

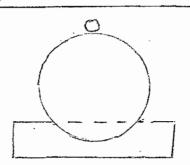
- 1. Run off masters.
- 2. Children CUT out hat (remind them to keep the paper folded. Explain to them NOT to cut on the dashed fold lines.)
- 3. If you want, have the children keep the scraps from cutting off the sides of their hat, staple them together and have them write a "secret" I love you note in it.
- 4. CUT out hat brim.
- **5.** I have the easy reader pages pre-cut and stapled into booklets, but you could also have your students do that and give them sequencing-skill practice as well.
- 6. Glue hat to the top-back of the hat brim.
- 7. Following the dashed line, fold the pointy part of hat down.
- 8. For more pizzazz add a pom pom to the end of Santa's hat with a glue dot.
- 9. Students WRITE their name on the cover of the booklet.
- 10. Students TRACE and COLOR or CUT and GLUE the shapes onto the pages.
- 11. I have given you an extra sheet of shapes for cutting and pasting.
- 12. Run them off on red construction paper.
- 13. Staple the booklet to the middle of the brim so the pages flip right to left.
- 14. For a great and cheap fine-motor skill, have the children pull apart two cotton balls, put glue around the edges of the hat's brim and press the cotton down; then staple the book on top of the cotton.
- 15. When everyone is finished, clean up and read the story together.
- 16. I do it twice with my Y5's so I know it's in their head, and encourage them to remember to "knock their parent's socks off" and read it to their families when they get home!
- 17. On the last page it says: "I think Santa's hat looks good on me!"

 Students can draw and color in a face, but I use a Xerox copy of my student's school photo and give them a circle of their pix.
- 18. It seems to make reading more fun just because it's extra personal, and parents have commented how they love the "keepsake quality" of our little books.
- **19.** I've also made 2 matching graph table-top skill sheets and a match the shape to the word for older students. Enjoy! ⊕

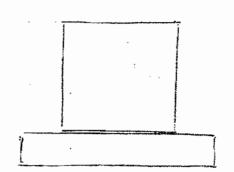


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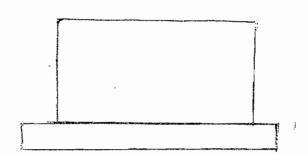




Is Santa's hat a CIRCLE? No!



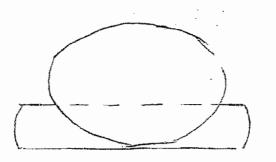
Is Santa's hat a SQUARE? No!



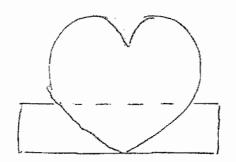
Is Santa's hat a RECTANGLE? No!

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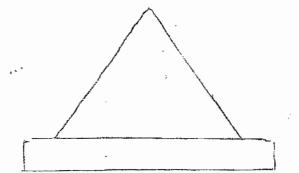
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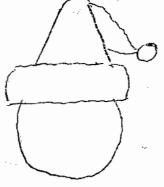
Is Santa's hat an OVAL? No!



Is Santa's hat a HEART? No!



Is Santa's hat a TRIANGLE? Yes!



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