Composing & Decomposing Geometric Shapes

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К	 Recognize straight and curved lines Recognize closed and open shapes Analyze and compare 2 and 3-D shapes in different sizes and orientations Use informal language to describe and compare 2D and 3D shapes: Similarities Differences parts (# of sides and vertices/corners for 2-D and identify faces of 3-D shapes as 2-D geometric figures) other attributes (ie: having sides of equal length Naming 2-D and 3-D shapes increasingly becomes more sophisticated with exposure Sort and explain their classifications of shapes in their own words Identify shapes as 2-D (flat) and 3-D (solid) Describe and classify shapes in terms 	 Drawing shapes (freehand, by connecting dots, geoboards, software, etc. and building with components (straws, sticks, etc) Combine 2-D shapes to build pictures, designs, and solve probs. such as puzzles Stack 3-D shapes and create structures out of 3-D shapes Compose and decompose plane 	 Discuss not only shape and orientation , but also the relative positions of objects such as: Above Below Next to Behind In front of Beside Stack 3-D shapes and create structures out of 3-D shapes (spatial recognition/recreating a model) Identify shapes in the real world such as outside and in the classroom Use 3-D figures to create more complex
	 of their geometric attributes including: Drawings Manipulatives Physical-world objects Distinguish between defining (5 sides) and non-defining attributes (color) Build and draw examples/non- examples of shape categories 	 and solid figures building understanding of the part-part- whole relationship and properties of the original and composite shapes Perceive a combination of shapes as a single new shape They learn to substitute 1 composite shape for another congruent composite composed of different parts (ie: hexagon- 6 triangles or 1 trapezoid and 3 triangles) Students relate geometric figures to equal parts and name the parts as halves, fourths or quarters Explore that as shapes are partitioned to create more shapes (wholes to halves, halves to fourths), those parts get smaller 	structures such as arches, stairways, etc.
2	 Moving towards more specific vocabulary: Side for 2-D; edge for 3-D instead 	 Develop foundations for area, fractions, and proportions: Partition circles, rectangles, 	 Conceptually structure an array (rows and columns) to understand 2-D regions as truly 2- D
	of saying linevertex instead of corner	and squares into two, three, or four equal parts (shares)	• Partition a rectangle into rows and columns of same-size squares

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	•	Recognize and unaw snapes having	0	of identical wholes need not	•	Ten now the shape was partitioned into
		specified attributes, such as a given		baye the same shape		squares and count to find the total number of
		number of angles or a given number		nave the same snape.		them.
		of equal faces.	0	Describe the equal shares		
	•	Identify and recognize regular		using appropriate vocabulary:		
		polygons (equal sides): triangles,		naives, thirds, fourths,		
		quadrilaterals, pentagons, hexagons,		quarters, half of, a third of, a		
		octagons and cubes.		fourth of, a quarter of		
	٠	Sort different polygons by the	0	Describe the whole in terms		
		number of sides/vertices.		of its partitioned parts e.g. if a		
	٠	Identify differences among shapes.		circle is partitioned into four		
				equal parts, each part it one		
				fourth of the whole, and four		
				fourths equals the whole		
3	٠	Classify shapes (specifically	• P	artition shapes into 2,3,4,6,8		
		quadrilaterals including rhombus,	e	qual parts; shapes may include		
		square, rectangle, parallelogram and	q	uads, equilateral triangle,		
		trapezoid) into categories and	is	sosceles triangle, regular		
		subcategories (kites may be seen as	h	exagon, regular octagon and a		
		an example of a quadrilateral, but will	С	ircles.		
		not need to be specifically named)	• 10	dentify each part as a unit		
	•	Students should be able to recognize	fi	raction		
		the following attributes in shapes:				
		 Number of sides 				
		 Number of angles 				
		 Right angles 				
		 Sides have same length 				
		 Sides are straight lines 				
		 NOT parallel or porpondicular 				
	•	O NOT parallel of perpendicular				
	•	braw examples/nonexamples of				
		snapes in subcategories				
4	•	Understand that lines are infinite in				Depresent angles as two rays, including the
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		extent and points have a location but				
		no almension			•	Understand that the size of an angle as a
	•	Draw points, lines, line segments,				rotation of a ray on the reference line to a line
		angles, perpendicular and parallel			1	depicting slope (see Measurement
		lines and recognize them in shapes				progressions for additional understanding
	•	Draw shapes given multiple attributes				with angle measure)
	•	Analyze, compare, and classify 2-D			•	Recognize line of symmetry; identify line-
		shapes by their properties now				symmetric figures and draw lines of symmetry
		including angle sizes, perpendicular,				
		and parallel lines				
	•	Classify triangles as equilateral,				
		equiangular, isosceles, or scalene by				
		using side length				
	•	Classify triangles as acute, right, or				
		obtuse by using angle size				

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	 Cross-Classify triangles e.g. right isosceles Classify quadrilaterals and other polygons including parallelograms, rectangles, squares, rhombuses, and trapezoid (using both inclusive and exclusive definitions) 		
5	 Sort and classify 2-D figures in a hierarchy based on properties Use graphic organizers (including a Venn Diagram) to compare and contrast the attributes of shapes (including polygons, triangles, and quadrilaterals) Understand attributes belonging to a category of 2-D figures also belong to all subcategories (understand trapezoids could include both the inclusive and exclusive definitions) 	 Highly developed ability to compose and decompose shapes to solve area and volume problems 	 Spatial structuring of rectangular arrays; foundation for mult., area, volume, and coordinate planes Informally extend spatial structuring in 2 ways: In 3 dimensions (used to find the volume) Coordinate planes in understanding the continuous nature of 2-D space and role of whole numbers in specifying locations in that space. (quadrant I) (see Algebraic Progressions)