**Round is a Mooncake: A book of shapes**
Written by Roseanne Thong
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**Math**
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**Summary:** As a little girl discovers things round, square and rectangular in her urban neighborhood, she is reminded of her Chinese American culture.

**Pass Objectives: Mathematics**

Mathematics Content Standards
1. Describe, extend, and create patterns using symbols, shapes, or designs (e.g., repeating and growing patterns made up of sets of shapes or designs, create patterns by combining different shapes and taking them apart).

**Supplies:** Tangram puzzles, yarn, construction paper, glue, scissors, pencils, rulers and crayons.

Book List:
- *Round Is a Mooncake* by Roseanne Thong
- *Circles, Triangles and Squares* by Tana Hoban
- *Twizzlers Shapes and Patterns* by Jerry Pallotta

**Activity:** After reading and sharing the book together as a whole class activity, the teacher will call on the students to identify shapes in the book. Other books about shapes will be available, as well as the ones listed above. Using tangram puzzle pieces, the teacher will have students demonstrate how the shapes fit together to make different shapes.

**Process:** Students will work in teams of two to make shapes out of construction paper using supplies listed above. The students will create patterns with their shapes, as well as new objects, like a boat or house. These patterns and new objects will be glued onto larger paper to describe the various items in the book, as well as objects of their own choosing.

**Optional activity:** Tangram puzzle making, with circles, ovals, squares, rectangles and triangles for student use at an activity center.