



Mouse Shapes by Ellen Stoll Walsh
(Paired with *Shapes, Shapes, Shapes* by Tana Hoban)

Talking about the Book:

1. Look at all of the shapes on the cover! What shapes can you name?
2. Can you find a circle in the book? What are the mice doing with it?
3. Can you find a square in the book? What are the mice making it into?

Extending the Book Activities:

- Draw some shapes from the story and turn them into something the way the mice did. Tell about what you made.
- Take a "shape walk" to hunt for shapes around your house.
- Sing "The Shape Song Swingalong" and learn how you can draw almost anything with four basic shapes! You can find it on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Umu58RxNL7I>

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If You Give a Mouse a Cookie by Laura Numeroff
(Paired with *Mice: Nocturnal Explorers* by Rebecca Rissman)

Talking about the Book:

1. What is your favorite kind of cookie? What kind do you think the mouse in the story is eating?
2. Why do you think the mouse asks for one thing after another in the story? Can you think of something that you want to do after doing something else?
Example: Putting on your coat. What do you do next?
3. Can you name the colors that the mouse is writing with in the story? What is your favorite color?

Extending the Book Activities:

- Use a round paper plate and draw your favorite cookie.
- Make a "Mouse Snack" like the one in this picture:



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One Cool Friend by Toni Buzzeo
(Paired with *Penguins* by Jill Esbaum from
National Geographic's Explore My World series)

Talking about the Book:

1. Look at the cover of the book. How are the boy (Elliot) and the Penguin (Magellan) the same? How are the boy and the penguin different?
2. In the book, how does Elliot keep Magellan cool? What is a way that you can keep cool? What is a way that you can keep warm when it's cold?

Extending the Book Activities:

- Draw a picture of your favorite part of the story. Label the picture together.
- In 2009, the PA One Book, *If You Were a Penguin*, showed us many different kinds of penguins. Use the pictures to help you discover what kind of penguin Magellan is.
<http://2009.paonebook.org/>

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Feathers for Lunch by Lois Ehlert
(Paired with *I See You, Bird!* by Kristina Rupp from the
Training Wheels series by Arc Press Books)

Talking about the Book:

1. How do you think the cat left the house?
2. Do you think the birds are smarter than the cat? Why or why not?
3. What time of year do you think this book is written (winter, spring, summer or fall)?
Why did you choose that season?

Extending the Book Activities:

- Take a walk outside and look for birds. What color and type of birds did you see? Look for cats on your walk, too!
- Visit Journey North.org, to hear some robins:
<https://learner.org/jnorth/robins/news/spring>

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