**Fun with counting**

Today's shape is a **CIRCLE**

Collect a few objects in the house that are **round**, for example, a pot lid, bottle top, mug, button. Discuss the size and colour, and count the number of things that you have.

**BOOK OF THE DAY**

Zanele sees numbers is a story about Zanele who can’t see the numbers that are everywhere around her.

Download the book for free: https://bookdash.org/books/zanele-sees-numbers-hanrie-coetzee-laura-de-lange-arthur-attwill/

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**RING TIME**

Sit in a circle on the floor with your children and other family members. This is also done in ECD programmes and is called ‘ring time’. This is the time when everybody can **share some news** or what they think. Use this time also to talk about everybody’s plans for the day. Use 15 minutes every morning to talk to one another. Talk about what is happening in the world in a simple way so that your children can understand. Try to give good news. Talk about what you are going to do during the day. Give them a chance to ask questions. This helps to build your child’s social skills like: talking to others, listening and following instructions. She will learn to value the time that you spend talking to her and letting you listen to her, if you include this in your daily routine.

**For PARENTS**

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**HEALTHY HABITS**

**Cough and sneeze**

- **Into your elbow please**

**Learning together is FUN**

**Getting active in the morning**

**Sing together:** Stand in a circle, or face each other, and sing the following song while doing the actions in it: “If you’re happy and you know it, clap your hands. If you’re happy and you know it, clap your hands. If you’re happy and you know it, cl"..."Repeat with other actions such as: ‘stamp your feet’, ‘nod your head’ and ‘turn around!’ Repeating songs will help to develop your child’s brain, because she will learn new words as well as the order of the words. Do the actions while singing the song. Enjoy!

**HAPPy**

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