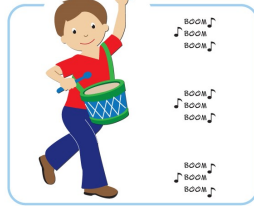


Just for Families!



Patterns are everywhere! From the stripes on a tabby cat to the polka dots on a shirt, patterns are a big part of our world. Our next unit, "Let's Explore Patterns," will help you child become more aware of patterns as they occur in both the natural and manmade world. We will explore visual patterns, auditory patterns and even patterns created through movement. This is definitely going to be a unit that will have your child engaged and learning on many different levels! Here are the main concepts we will explore during this unit:

- * What is a Pattern?
- * Some Animals Have Patterned Fur/Skin
- * Using Patterns to Camouflage
- * Exploring Patterns in Music
- * Playing with Patterns
- * Many Different Types of Patterns
- * Many Living Things Have Patterns
- * Patterns in Nature
- * Creating Patterns through Movement
- * Using Our Senses to Find Patterns

Here are some activities you can do with your child at home that reinforce our unit, "Let's Explore Patterns."

Bathtime:



Make splashing patterns for your child to copy during bathtime.

Mealtime:



Serve kabobs for dinner. Talk about the pattern of the meats/vegetables on the kabob before eating.

Out & About (Traveling):



Look for patterns when riding in the car. You might see a striped cat or a polka dotted umbrella.

Bedtime:



When reading books look for patterns in the illustrations. Challenge your child to point out the patterns he/she finds and, if verbal, to describe them.

Sing the following song with your child and invite him/her to find, and point out, patterns.

PATTERNS, PATTERNS, ALL AROUND
(tune: "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star")

Patterns, patterns, all around,
Some are up and some are down.
Can you...can you...find just one?
Point it out. Let's have some fun.
Patterns, patterns, all around,
Some are up and some are down.

