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Wednesday Details

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Heidi says

The cover of this one grabbed my attention, even though it is very plain, I liked the simplicity. We also love anything with shapes, and this is all about Little Round and Big Square. They get together to play their favorite game every Wednesday, which is making different figures. Square kind of takes over, and Little Round gets discouraged and no longer wants to play. They work things out and make even more incredible things! TOGETHER! Love the concepts, and this one definitely stretched the vocabulary.

Kelly says

This is a beautifully simple book. Little Round and Big Square get together to create things out of their shapes. It amazes me how a book can have only two colors throughout and still stretch the imagination.

Mary says

This is a great book about shapes and the different abstract concepts that can come out of a single circle and square. There is also the idea of friendship and camaraderie that comes from playing games together.

Storywraps says

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Little Round and
Big Blue Square,
Meet up Wednesdays
Fun they share!

Their favourite game
Is say a word
Transform themselves...
Why it's not unheard

To change into a butterfly,
A flower, mushroom,
Kite, oh my...
Big Square starts to break away
Starts showing off
Go its own way.
Little circle's not impressed,
It can't join in,

Becomes distressed.

A time out's needed
Each shape agrees
Then Little Round
Shouts out with glee....

"Together
We can make and play
Lots of things
Let's start today!"

The real good friends
With co-operation
Work in tandem
Showing admiration.

Each separate part
Can make a whole,
Just having fun
Is now their goal!

Mary Lee says

Not quite a wordless book, but the pictures are more important than the words.

Not quite growth mindset, but I don't have a tag for collaboration or compromise, which are both as important as perseverance.

Tasha says

Little Round and Big Square are the best of friends. Every week on Wednesday, they get together to play their favorite game: one of them says a word and they both transform into it. Big Square starts with “butterfly” and the two of them change into butterflies, Big Square with sharp angles and Little Round with half circles. They go through “flower” and “mushroom” until Big Square gets carried away and starts naming lots of different things all at once, things that Little Round can’t shift into. Soon the friends are arguing, but just like with any friendship there are rough patches and they both have to figure out how to fix it.

Done in just two colors, the dot and the square and the many shapes they make pop on the page, the blue and orange contrasting vibrantly on the white background. It is the illustrations that tell the story here, and the strong style they are done in is striking. Children will immediately relate to both the square and the circle. They may not have faces, but they convey emotions clearly on the page from anger to exuberance to friendship.

Strong and vibrant, this picture book translated from the French, is a great pick for units on friendship or shapes. Appropriate for ages 3-5.

Stephanie says

Because this book revolves around geometry--possibly my least favorite subject in high school--I had a twinge of resistance when I picked it up.
No, NO, not the shapes!!

But I was curious and, in the end, enjoyed reading it. It was cute, I can say, as long as I don't think about the tangrams too much.

Tri says

Menjelajahi imajinasi dari 2 bangun ruang 2d: kotak dan lingkaran. Duo bangun ruang yang memiliki kemampuan mengubah dan membongkar bentuknya. Kemampuan yang dapat menyerupai bentuk-bentuk benda sehari-hari secara imajinatif. "Combinatory play." bapak ilmuwan jenius, Einstein, menyebutnya.

Mudah untuk membuat suatu pekerjaan menjadi rumit. Namun, butuh kerja ekstra untuk membuatnya menjadi sederhana. Sama seperti dalam sebuah pertemanan dan atau rekanan.

Sangat suka di bagian 'T'.

April says

This book was pretty good. It has a message of teamwork and creativity, but my son a 2nd grader was confused how Little Circle could become three half circles on the same page. This did seem to be an inconsistency as other times it looked like Circle couldn't cut itself into more pieces than one whole circle. Also, I have no idea why the book is titled Wednesday. Maybe there is a set of books and Little Circle and Big Square (or whatever their correct names are) do different things on each day of the week. Not sure, but I liked the voice of each of the shapes. I did not like the heavy, rough quality of the paper the book was printed on.

Jon(athan) Nakapalau says

Very creative book that will help inspire the inner geometric artist in all children.

Kelsey says

Age: Preschool-2nd grade
Math: Shapes, tangrams
Perfect for tangram extension activity

Flawless! Bertier presents Little Round and Big Square and their Wednesday play date where they play a game of follow the leader by calling out an object and dividing herself to make it. Soon the Big Square starts calling out things that Little Round cannot make, causing frustration for Round. When they decide to make things together, they soon find no end to their imagination. Although similar to Windblown in simplistic style and use of shapes, Bertier gives her shapes character and personality with a delightfully simple, and relatable, storyline. This book also invites listeners to interpret what they see, but is not so open-ended that children who need imagination nudges won't be able to enjoy the story. Pay attention to this one, teachers!

Christine Turner says

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Friendship -- Juvenile fiction
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Shapes -- Juvenile fiction.

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Samantha says

Two friends try to one up one another until one walks away with hurt feelings. When they work together, though, they find they are happier than ever before.

I liked the inventive use of shapes to create other images. The shapes as characters really helped drive this book's message home and PreK-2 will enjoy hearing this read aloud.

Brittany says

Two shapes (a little orange circle and large blue square) challenge each other to make things (flower, butterfly, etc) from their own respective shapes. However, the large square can become far more things than the little circle, and it's not fair! In the end, the shapes find that they're better making shapes together. Very cool visually, and also a very subtle message about working together and sharing.

Also, the Illini/Bears colors don't hurt.

Barbara says

Two shapes, Little Round and Big Square, enjoy playing with each other and showing off the different things they can make. But after Little Round feels intimidated by everything that Big Square can do, their friendship is threatened until find a way to join forces and come up with even more creative shapes. This picture book from France reminds me in many ways of the tangrams that I used to use in my gifted classes in New Orleans. I like some of the creations more than others, possibly because I'm a purist, and some of these have been altered, and with tangrams, creators must simply manipulate the pieces to create different objects.
