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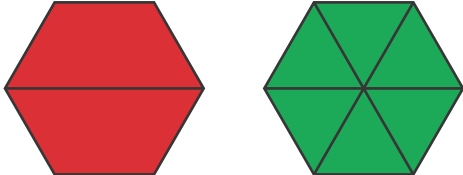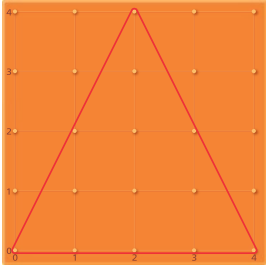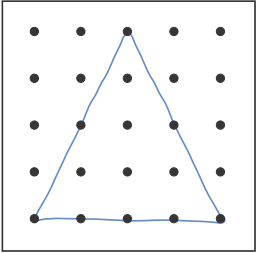
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About the Mathematics in This Unit

Dear Family,

We are beginning a new unit in mathematics called *Comparing and Combining Shapes*. This geometry unit focuses on two-dimensional shapes and the relationships among them. Throughout this unit students observe, describe, name, compare, classify, represent, and build with 2-D shapes. Later in the year, in another geometry unit, students will learn about three-dimensional shapes and objects. Throughout this unit, students will be working towards the following goals:

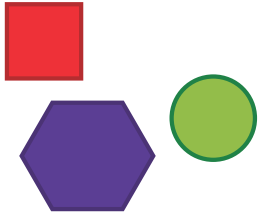| Benchmarks/Goals	Examples
Compose and decompose shapes in different ways.	A hexagon can be made with different shapes.
Build and draw familiar 2-D shapes.	

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Use geometric language to describe and identify important features of familiar 2-D shapes, and use those features to sort those shapes.	These shapes have 3 sides. These shapes do not have exactly 3 sides.

Students will continue to engage in math problems and activities and share how they solve a given problem. At home, you can encourage your children to explain their thinking as they engage in activities that further support the mathematics in this unit.