

# Fuel Our Tanks

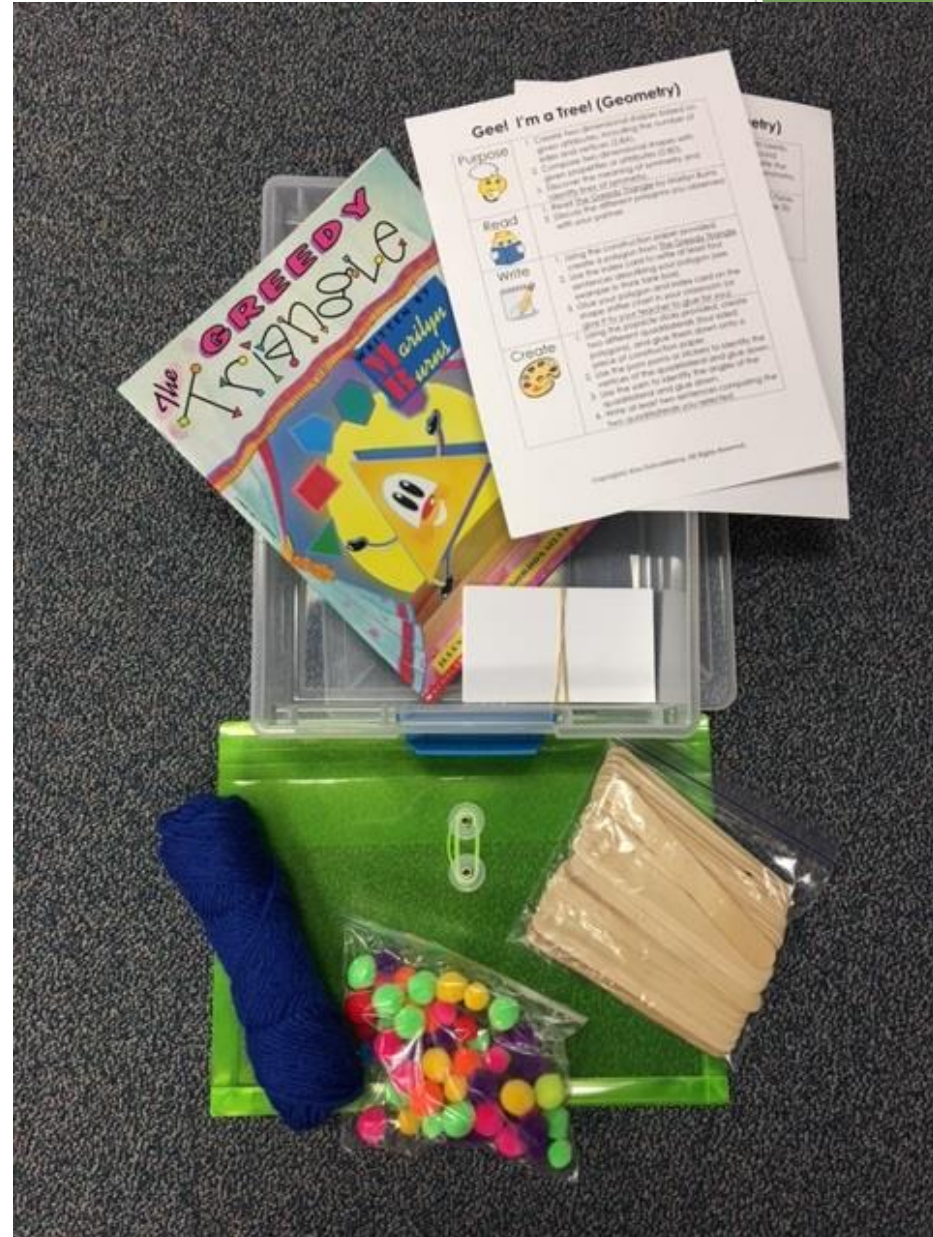
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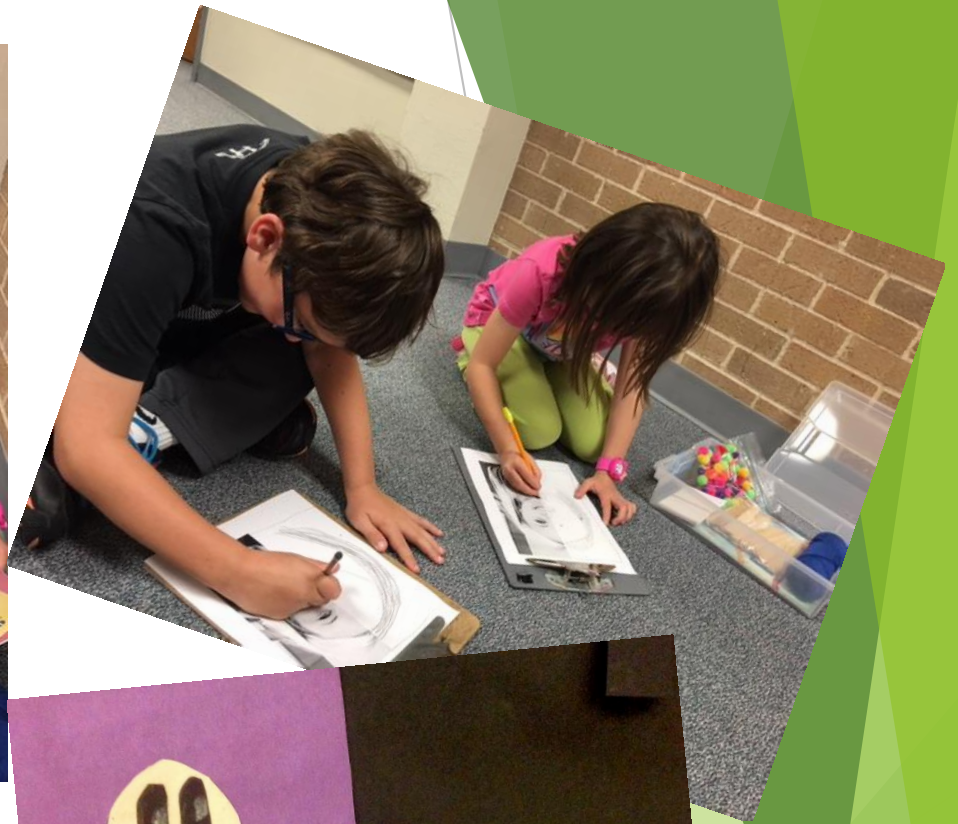
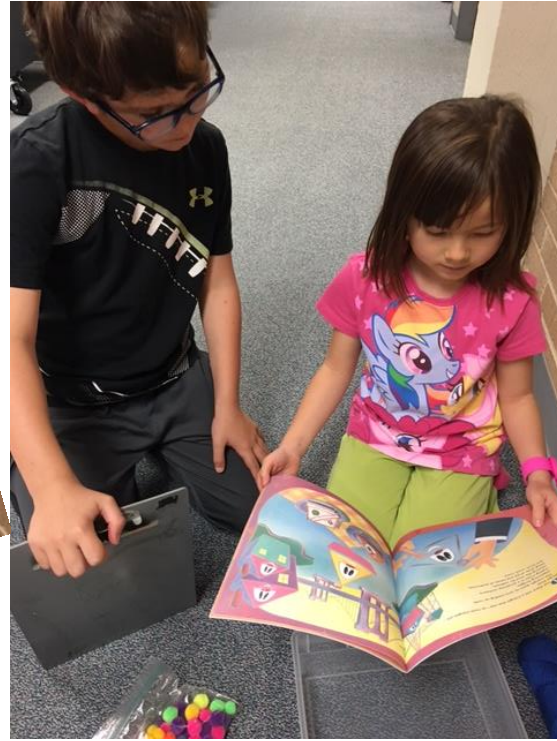
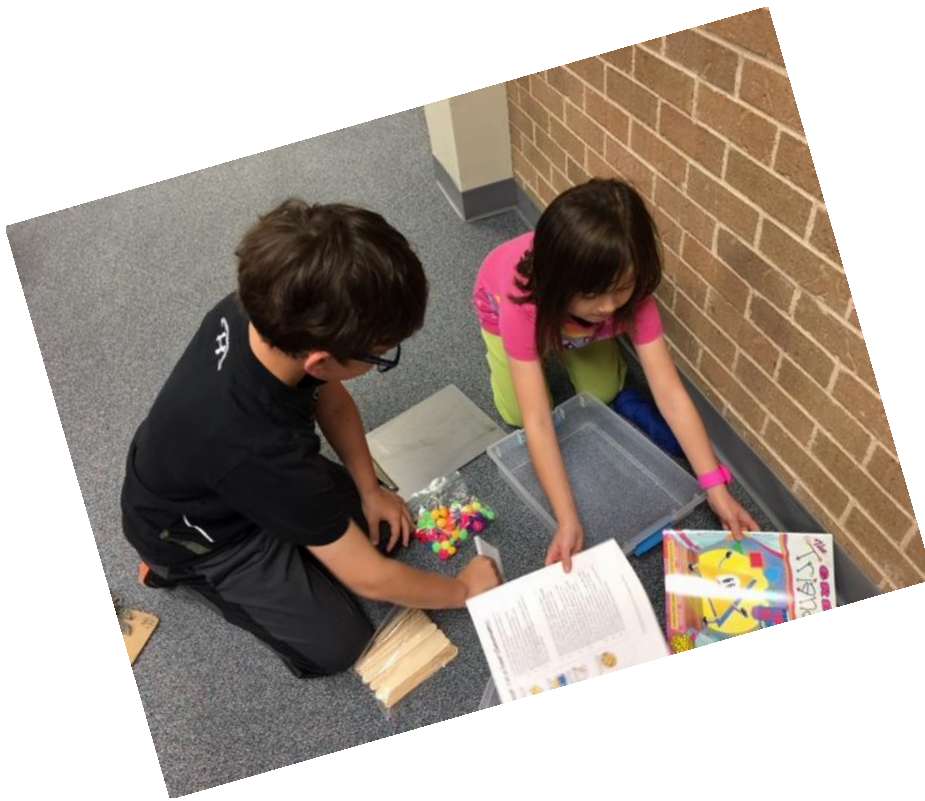
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We were granted the funds to purchase all of this and so much more to create our Think Tanks! Think Tanks are engaging, hands-on activities in which students participate as individuals, partners, or small groups in lessons that meet their individual needs. These multi-tasking activities encourage growth, creativity, and independence. The subject matter will cross all grade level curriculum at various learning levels. We specifically use the Think Tanks during our W.I.N. Time (What I Need Time) which is 45 minutes of time set aside each day for interventions, extensions, enrichment, and creativity.

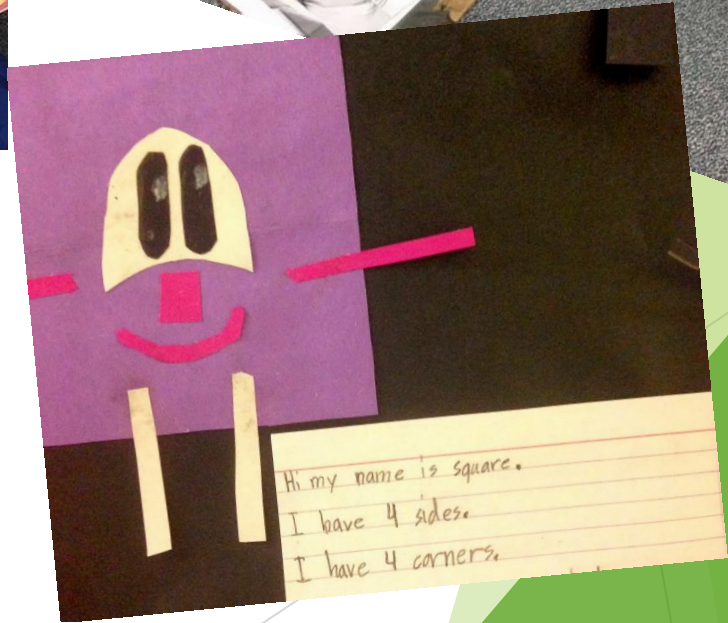


This is an example of a Think Tank we created to go along with our math unit on Geometry and two dimensional shapes. It includes the task sheet with the different extension activities, the book The Greedy Triangle by Marilyn Burns, and all the materials needed for the extension activity in one handy box that is easy for classroom storage.





Here are two 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students working during W.I.N. Time on the extension activities in the Geometry Think Tank. They read the book first and then had the choice of which activities to do from the task sheet. They chose to create a polygon and write four sentences describing their shape. Then they chose to draw their teacher's face using symmetry. These activities are cross-curricular involving math, reading, and writing skills.



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– JES 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Team

