



Stuart J. Murphy's
MathStart

Let's Fly a Kite
Level 2 / Ages 6+
Symmetry



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Story Description

It's a good thing that Hannah and Bob have such a nice, smart babysitter. When Laura suggests that they make a kite to fly at the beach, the kids immediately start arguing over whether it should be decorated with a lightning bolt or a whale. Laura draws a line down the length of the kite, so they each have exactly the same size and shape to draw on. Later, the children divide the back seat of the car, the beach blanket, and even their sandwiches into two equal parts. Symmetry is a geometric property that helps children classify shapes.

Illustrated by Brian Floca.

Activities

- ☒ Look for symmetrical objects throughout the illustrations. See how many symmetrical objects your child (or class) can find in the book.
- ☒ Together with your child (or class), make a paper snowflake by folding a square sheet of paper into fourths and cutting out small designs along the folds and edges. Find all the different ways the snowflake has symmetry
- ☒ Have your child (or students) cut out pictures of symmetrical shapes from magazines. Fold the shapes, then find and draw the line of symmetry on each.



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