## ABRACADABRA!



# Ready

- 1 spot marker per child
- 4 cones for activity area boundaries
- 1 scarf per child
- Shape Visual Aid Cards Circle, Square, Triangle (SPARKfamily.org)
- Musical ASAPs #26 and #27
- SPARK EC Music CD and player

# Set

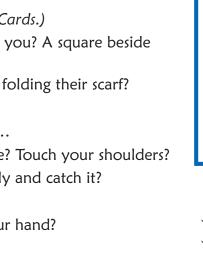
- Create activity area.
- Scatter spot markers within area.
- Place scarves outside boundaries.
- Send children to stand on spot markers.



- 1. **Scarf Selection and Exploration** (Allow 2 minutes for exploration time.)
  - When you hear the color of your home, **jump** to get a scarf, then **jump** home.
  - When the music starts, play with your scarf.
  - When it stops, set your scarf down and listen.
- 2. "Kuma San" (Teach Musical ASAP #26.)
- 3. **Scarf Shape Challenges** Can you... (Show Shape Visual Aid Cards.)
  - Draw a triangle in front of you with your scarf? A circle over you? A square beside you? (Repeat using other hand.)
  - Fold your scarf into a triangle? Find a friend who needs help folding their scarf?
  - Make your triangle smaller? Make it even smaller?
- 4. Toss and Catch Challenges Can you toss your scarf up and...
  - Clap 1 time before catching it? Clap 2 times? Touch your nose? Touch your shoulders?
  - Spin around before catching it? Spin the other way? Sit quickly and catch it?
- 5. Abracadabra!

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- Let's pretend to be magicians! Can you hide your scarf in your hand?
- When you hear, "Go!" we'll count out loud to 3 together.
- When we get to "3!" toss your scarf up high and say, "Abracadabra!"
- Can you catch your scarf before it touches the floor? (Repeat using other hand.)
- 6. "Caterpillars To Butterflies" (Teach Musical ASAP #27.)
- 7. **Scarf Return** (Send children to return scarves by color and **jump** home.)
- 8. Wrap It Up
  - Who will tell us the magic word we used today? Let's count to three and say it again!







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### **ADAPTATIONS**

### **Limited Space**

\* Move classroom furniture so children can play safely.

#### Variation

\* Play *Travel! Go Home!* Have children use their scarves to draw shapes when they return to their spots.

### **Inclusive Strategy**

\* When playing Abracadabra!, prompt a child with limited mobility to hide their scarf elsewhere (e.g., the bend of an elbow, under the chin, or between the knees).



# **O**BJECTIVES

- ✓ Tossing
- ✓ Catching
- ✓ Shape recognition

#### YOUR STATE STANDARDS



# ACADEMIC

#### Music

Read <u>Puff the Magic Dragon</u> by Peter Yarrow and Lenny Lipton or listen to "Puff the Magic Dragon" by Peter, Paul, and Mary.



### **Shape Fun**

Draw straight lines, curves, zigzags, and different shapes, each on a separate sheet of paper. Each member of the family stands on a sheet of paper and uses a scarf, paper towel, or napkin to draw the object on their paper in the air. After 30 seconds, sound a signal for everyone to move to a new sheet of paper to draw a new object.



# TEACHER TIPS

- As children master tossing and catching with the same hand, challenge them to toss with one hand and catch with the other.
- Have children fold their scarves into squares or rectangles.

#### NOTES