

Quick-Reference Lists: Learning Opportunities by Type



(Circle Time, Small Group Time, and Choice Time)

These lists categorize the learning opportunities offered in this resource by type as another user-friendly way to access them throughout the book.




Circle Time

Circle Time indicates an activity for large groups of children. Use a Circle Time activity when you want children to share their thinking about interesting mathematical ideas and problems with the entire group. Circle Time typically encompasses literature-based opportunities (activities marked with a Literature Connections icon). For more about Circle Time, see page xxv.

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