



MUSEUM OF EARLY  
TRADES & CRAFTS

## *ABC's of Architecture*

*(1st-2nd Grades)*

### **PRE-VISIT ACTIVITY**

#### **Finding Shapes in your School**

There are many shapes located in your school, especially on the building itself. Review different shapes with your students. Then have them locate each of those shapes within the school building.

Bonus points if they can find an example of the shapes in the architecture of the building and inside the building/classroom!

### **SUGGESTED POST-VISIT ACTIVITY**

#### **Rub Out Your Town!**

Your students learned how to do rubbings during their program at METC. Your town probably has a variety of sites with textured features for rubbing. This might include decorative writing, furniture fittings, keyhole covers, manhole covers, hinges, boundary stones, wrought iron gates, street signs, and historic markers.

Ask students to create a rubbing and bring it into the classroom. Regular crayons and any paper can work for rubbings. Have the class guess where the rubbing came from to see how many students recognize familiar features from your town. The rubbings can be used later to decorate bookmarks, greeting cards, calendars, or your classroom.

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