Making a “Yard” Stick

Materials:
- 9x12 construction paper in assorted colors
- Masking tape

What is a yard? Have you ever heard that term used with regard to measurement?

How many feet are in a yard? 3 feet

What would we measure using yards? sport fields, golf drives, fabric

What sport has a field that is 100 yards long? football

Inform students that they are going to be making yard sticks. Give each student three 9 x 6 sheets of construction paper in the same color; students will trace their foot these pieces of paper, cut them out and tape them together as in your sample. The 9 x 6 size construction paper (cut previously) should fit the length of most students’ feet, but have several full sheets on hand for larger feet.

Remind students to write their name and “yard stick” on it.

Is your “yard stick” shorter than the teacher’s? Why or why not?