

Family Newsletter

THIS MONTH'S THEME

Space & Sky

This month, your child will explore the sun, moon, stars and planets. They will make a rocket ship, then pretend to make it fly. Your child will pretend to be an astronaut, have a space snack on their way to the moon and test gravity as they jump their way through the planets. Look to the night sky with your child and imagine what it would be like to touch the stars!

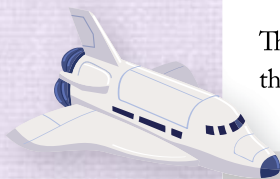
BASICS TO REINFORCE AT HOME

LETTERS Rr, Ss and Zz

NUMBERS 13 and 14

COLOR Yellow

SHAPE Star



Nurture curiosity!

Children are naturally curious. Whether outside or inside, children build knowledge when they actively touch, smell, taste, listen and talk about their surrounding environment. You don't need fancy toys or tools to trigger learning. Here are some easy ways to encourage your child to build a love for learning in your natural routine of the day:

- **Ask your child** "what," "how" and "why" questions while you play.
- **Encourage them to explore and experiment** with everything.
- **Keep collage materials, child-safe scissors, glue and paper** in a place your child can easily access them on their own.
- **Invite them to come up with activities** or ideas for the day. Do them together!
- As your child is involved in an activity, **remind them of past similar experiences.**
- **Integrate basic skills into any playful activity.** Name letter sounds, count objects and play silly rhyme games.

The more you involve your child in the process of learning, the more invested they will be in their own education.

Look for the daily notes about your child's art projects!

Today I made a star headband.

I learned that stars are balls of gas and can be blue, red or orange. I designed my own star headband and now I can wear it to pretend I'm a shooting star.



Today I made moon rocks.

There have been twelve astronauts who have walked on our moon! I pretended to be an astronaut and gathered my moon rocks to take back to Earth. I rolled up foil pieces and placed them in my special space bag.



ASK ME: How many moon rocks did you make? Would you want to be an astronaut?





RECOMMENDED READS

Cuddle Up WITH A GOOD BOOK

- Clouds**
by Marion Dane Bauer
- Me and My Place in Space**
by Joan Sweeney
- On the Launch Pad**
by Michael Dahl
- I Want to Be an Astronaut**
by Byron Barton
- Our Stars**
by Anne Rockwell
- On the Moon**
by Anna Milbourne



Family Activities



Moon Song

(Sing to the tune of "Have You Ever Seen a Lassie?")

**Have you ever seen a bright moon,
A bright moon, a bright moon?
Have you ever seen a bright moon
Shine in the night sky?**

Sing additional verses with "full moon"
or "crescent moon."



Sky watch Take several night walks together and look for stars. Try to find a book at the library that lists some of the constellations and go on a star search together. Observe the moon over a month and talk about how it appears to change shape.