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Family Newsletter

THIS MONTH'S THEME

Blast Off to Space

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

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 children 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 her to explore and experiment** with everything.
- **Keep collage materials, child-safe scissors, glue and paper** in a place your child can easily access on her own.
- **Invite her to come up with activities** or ideas for the day. Do them together!
- As your child is involved in an activity, **remind her 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 engrossed she will be in her 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 sparkly star headband with paper and glitter. Now I can wear my star headband and pretend to be an astronaut. How cool!



Today I made a sun mask.

The sun is a hot ball of gas, so make sure you don't look at it! I designed a sun mask using a paper plate, sticker eyes and an elastic piece. I made artistic choices while making my mask and now I can wear it while spinning slowly in a circle just like the sun does.



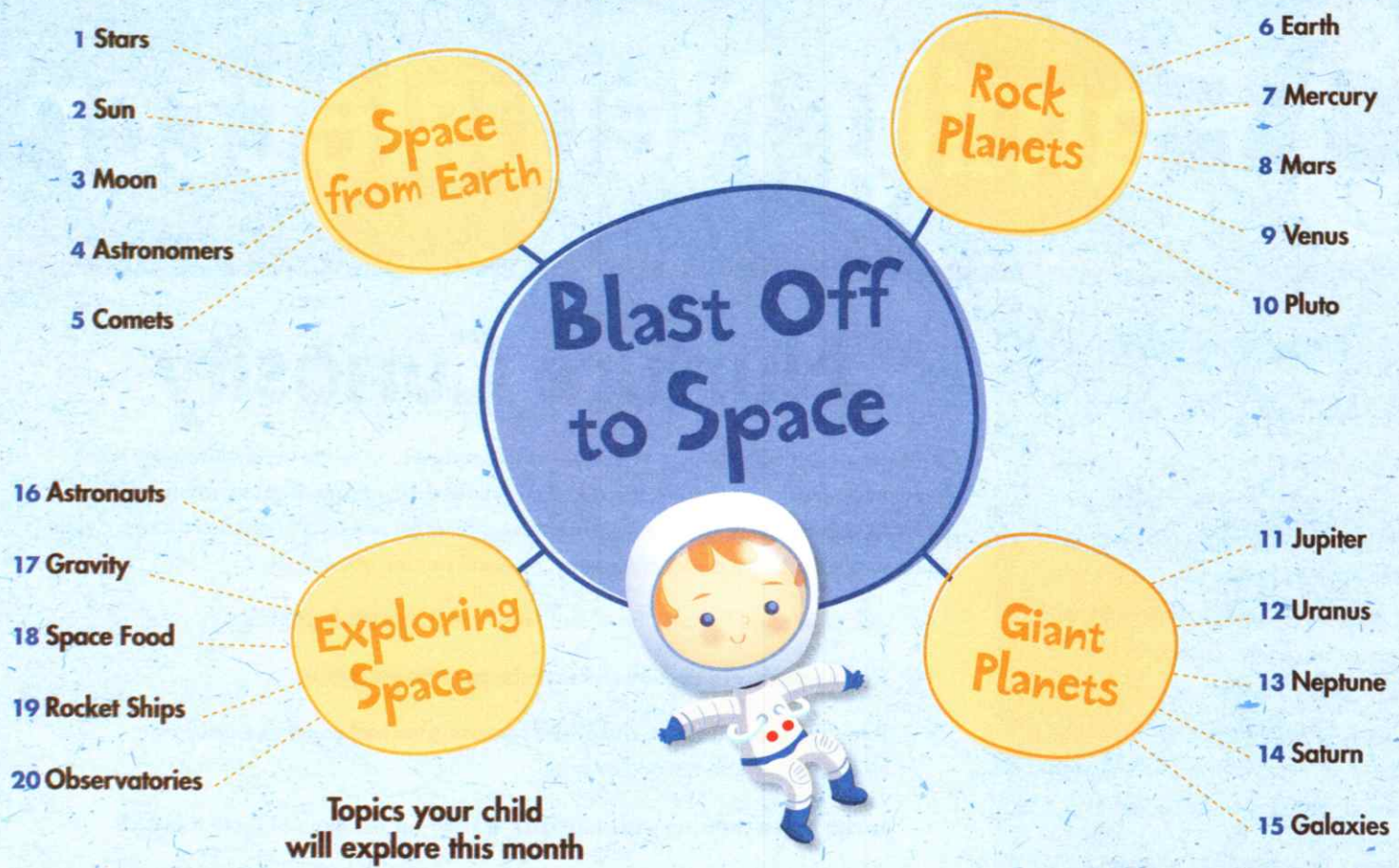
ASK ME: Why shouldn't you look at the sun? What colors did you use for your sun mask?

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Family Activities

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



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.