

December 2024 NEWSLETTER

Themes

Sun, Moon & Stars

3, 2, 1, lift off! Get ready for an imaginary space trip where you will explore space transportation, astronauts, and other interesting elements of outer space. Children will learn about our planet, characteristics of the sky, and the solar system.

Winter Magic

Keeping warm and snug is the focus of this theme. Children will learn about cold-weather accessories while welcoming winter's chill. The science of ice and snowflakes and the fun of making snowmen will also be explored.

Color/ Shape

Alphabet Words



jacket, jaguar, jeans, jellyfish, key, kick, king, kite, lake, lettuce, lips, lollipop

Letters

Jj, Kk, L

Numbers 9-10

Sign Language





Learn with Me!

Stargazing

Introduce your child to the constellations by stargazing on clear nights. Look for common constellations. Extend the experience by offering black or blue construction paper and star stickers to create constellations, drawing the lines between stars with a white crayon or chalk. If your child is especially interested in astronomy, visit the library to check out books about stars or research constellations together on the Internet.

Snow Globe Sensory Bottle

Capture the magic of winter by making a bottled snow globe. Gather an empty water bottle. Offer sequins, gems, snowflake beads/embellishments, and other items of interest to your child. Invite your child to add a selection of items to the bottle. Fill it back up with water and seal the lid tightly. Enjoy shaking the bottle together to watch the items swirl around!

My Project: Planets Wreath

When I bring this project home, we can:

- Name the planets.
- Count the total number of planets.
- Talk about what I've learned about our solar system.
- Display the wreath somewhere special.

My Project: Snowstorm When I bring this project home, we can:

- Talk about the materials I used to make the different sized snowflakes.
- Look up facts about snowflakes.





FAMILY CONNECTION

Book List

I See the Moon: Rhymes for Bedtime by Rosalind Beardshaw

Star in a Jar by Sam Hay

Under Alaska's Midnight Sun by Deb Vanasse

A Place for Pluto by Steff Wade

Let's Celebrate!: Special Days Around the World

by Kate DePalma

A Loud Winter's Nap by Katy Hudson

Winter Is Here by Kevin Henkes

The Lucky Grapes: A New Year's Eve Story by Tracey Kyle

Recipe

Sunny Day Smoothie

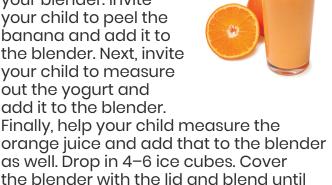
banana

1 cup vanilla OR plain yogurt OR nondairy alternative

½ cup orange juice

ice cubes

Practice measuring ingredients with this simple recipe. Set up your blender. Invite your child to peel the banana and add it to the blender. Next, invite your child to measure out the yogurt and add it to the blender.



smooth. Serve the Sunny Day Smoothie in

Songs & Rhymes

Estrellita, ¿Dónde estás?

Traditional

Estrellita, ¿dónde estás? Me pregunto qué serás. En el cielo y en el mar, Un diamante de verdad. Estrellita, ¿dónde estás? Me pregunto qué serás.

We're Going to the Moon

Zoom, zoom, zoom! (Gently rock back and forth in place.) We're going to the moon. (Point to the sky.) Zoom, zoom, zoom! (Gently rock back and forth in place.) We'll get there very soon. (Tap on wrist as if tapping on a watch.) 5, 4, 3, 2, 1—blast off! (Count down on fingers then jump in place.)

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small cups for a healthy treat.