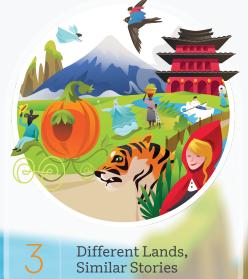
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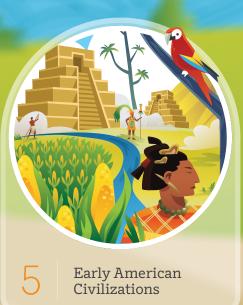




The Human Body









Grade 1

Knowledge 1-6

Activity Book

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Knowledge 6

Astronomy

NAME: ______
DATE: _____

1.1 Activity Page

Directions: Make a journal for each student by folding and stapling this activity page (see back) with at least two sheets of paper.

My Astronomy Journal

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Activity Page

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In my drawing, _____

are objects found in outer space.

_____ are objects found in the atmosphere.

Dear Family Member,

DATE:

Over the next few weeks, your child will be learning about astronomy. Your child will learn about the sun, the moon, the stars, and the eight planets in our solar system. Your child will also learn about space exploration, including the first astronauts to land on the moon.

In the next few days, we will focus our study of astronomy on the sun, the moon, and the stars. The most powerful way you can help support your child's learning about astronomy is to take him or her outside to observe the sky. Below are some suggestions for ways you can make his/her study of astronomy even more meaningful and fun, and some words s/he is learning that relate to each activity.

1. Sunrise or Sunset

Your child is learning that the earth orbits or revolves around the sun. S/he is also learning that even though it looks like the sun moves across the sky each day, it is actually the earth spinning on its axis that causes day and night. Go outside with your child at dawn to observe the sunrise, or at dusk to observe the sunset.

Words to use: dusk, dawn, atmosphere, revolve, horizon

2. Stargazing

In a few days your child will learn about the stars and the constellations. Take your child out in the evening to observe the stars. The Big and Little Dipper are part of the Big Bear constellation. S/he will learn to recognize the dippers and Polaris (the North Star). Together with your child, try to identify these groups of stars in the night sky. You may wish to obtain a book from the library on constellations to guide your observations.

Words to use: constellation, star, telescope, outer space, meteor

3. Phases of the Moon

Your child will learn about the moon and how it orbits the earth, reflecting the sun's light. S/he will also learn to recognize four of its phases: the new moon, the crescent moon, the half moon, and the full moon. Look for the moon every few days and talk with your child about how much of it is visible in the sky.

Words to use: crescent, full, reflecting, orbit, craters, man in the moon

4. Read Aloud Each Day

It is very important that you read to your child each day. The local library has many books on astronomy and a list of books and other resources relevant to this topic.

Be sure to let your child know how much you enjoy hearing about what s/he has been learning at school.

Recommended Resources for Astronomy

Trade Books

Exploring the Solar System, by Mary Kay Carson (Chicago Review Press, 2008) ISBN 978-1556527159 Find the Constellations, by H. A. Rey (Houghton Mifflin Books for Children, 2008) ISBN 978-0547131788

The Moon Seems to Change, by Franklyn M. Branley and illustrated by Barbara and Ed Emberley (HarperCollins, 1987) ISBN 978-0064450652

Websites

NASA Kids' Club

http://www.nasa.gov/audience/forkids/kidsclub/flash/index.html American Museum of Natural History Resources on Space

http://www.amnh.org/content/search?SearchText=space&x=0&y=0

Photographs from the Hubble Space Telescope

http://hubblesite.org/gallery/album/entire/npp/all/

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What can you see in the sky at dusk or dark?

I can see _____

people learn about stars in modern times?)
I learned that
What did the poem say about stars?
In the poem,

What did you learn from the read-aloud, "Stars"? (What did

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Stargazing and Constellations

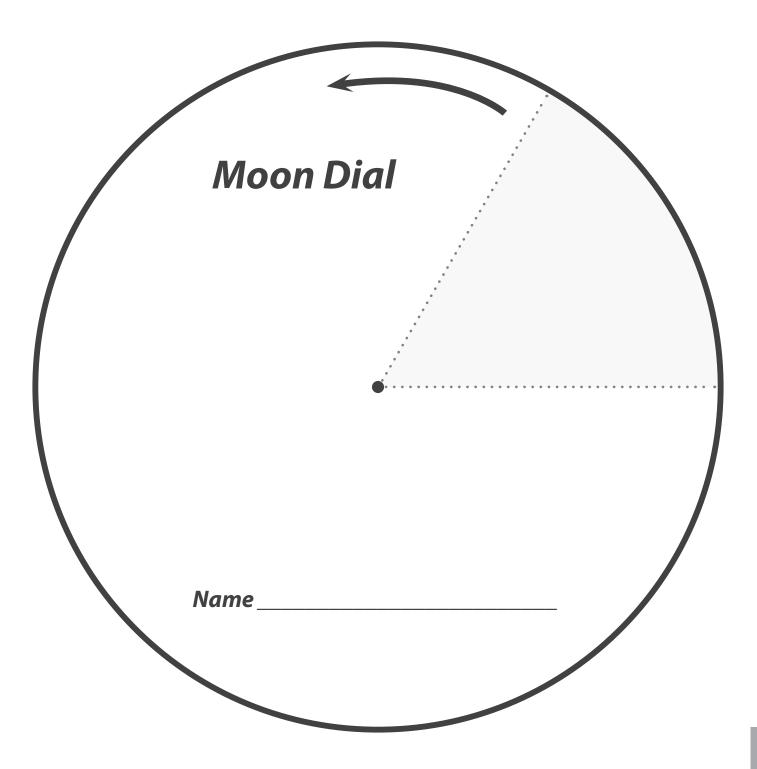
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and constellations today.

Directions: Write the name of this group of stars on the blank. Then write one sentence about what you learned about stargazing

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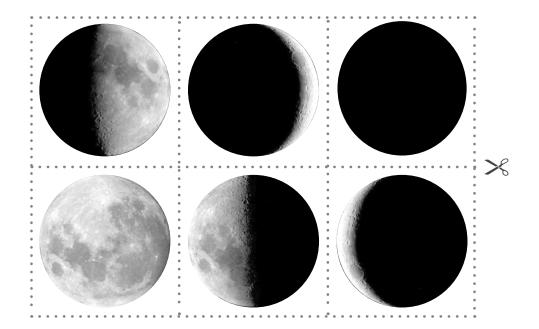
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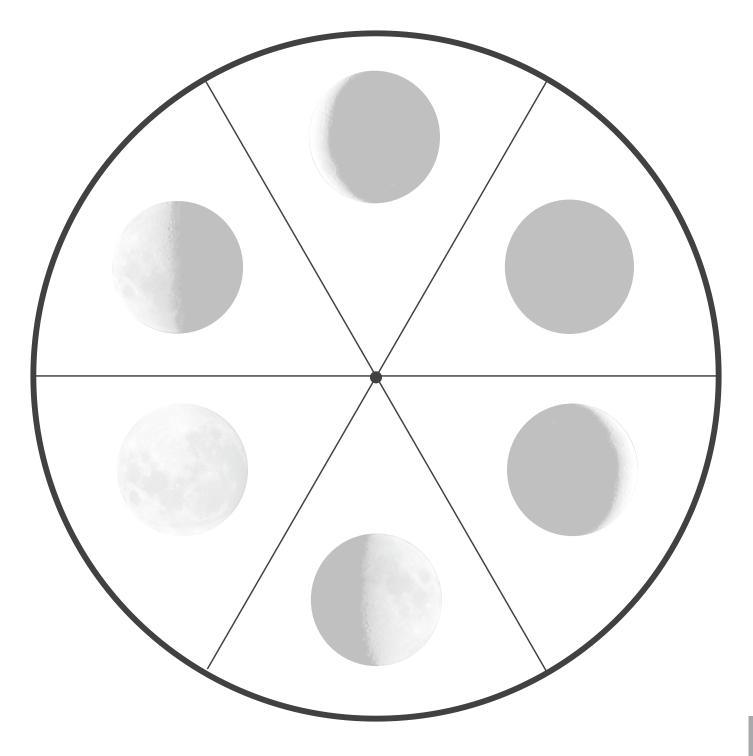
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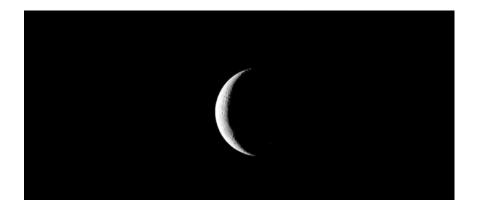


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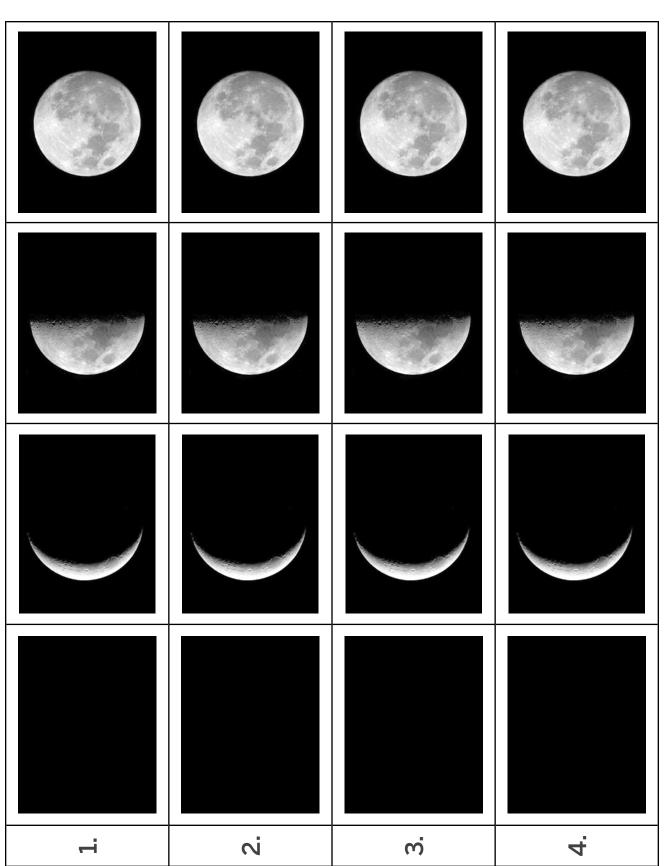
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Assessment

Directions: Listen to your teacher's directions.

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Directions: Draw a picture of a rocket ship taking off, and complete the opinion statement.

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Take-Home

Dear Family Member,

DATE:

Over the next few days, your child will be continuing his/her study of astronomy. Your child has now learned about the sun and the stars, and has begun to learn about the moon. In the next few days, our class will focus our study on space exploration and the planets in the solar system. The most powerful way you can help support your child's learning about astronomy is to continue taking him/her outside to observe the sky. Below are some additional suggestions for activities, and some words s/he is or will be learning that relate to each activity.

1. Name the Planets

Your child will be learning about the eight planets in our solar system: Mercury, Venus, Earth, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, and Neptune. S/he will also learn that Pluto was once considered a planet, but in 2006 was categorized as a dwarf planet. When you were in school, you may have learned a mnemonic to remember the names of the (then) nine planets, such as "My Very Educated Mother Just Served Us Nine Pizzas." Write a new mnemonic with your child to help him/her remember the list of eight names above.

2. Make a Model

Work with your child to use play dough or modeling clay to create models of the sun and the planets. Lay the models on a black piece of paper, and draw chalk lines to represent orbits. Alternatively, work with your child to paint or draw a diagram of the solar system on a piece of paper.

3. Planet Earth

Your child has learned that our home, Earth, is a planet that it is in constant motion. It is difficult to believe that we are living on a moving sphere when the land beneath our feet seems still and flat. Explore a globe with your child and help him/her understand that it represents the planet Earth. Locate the United States and other countries your child knows about. Observe how much of the planet is covered by the continents and how much is covered by the oceans.

4. Astronauts for a Day

Your child will learn about spacecraft and astronauts in the coming days. If the thought of space travel captures your child's imagination, pretend to be astronauts together.

Dress up in spacesuits and helmets. Using furniture or boxes, assemble a spacecraft. Countdown to launch, hurtle through space propelled by a rocket, and pretend to land on the moon or another planet.

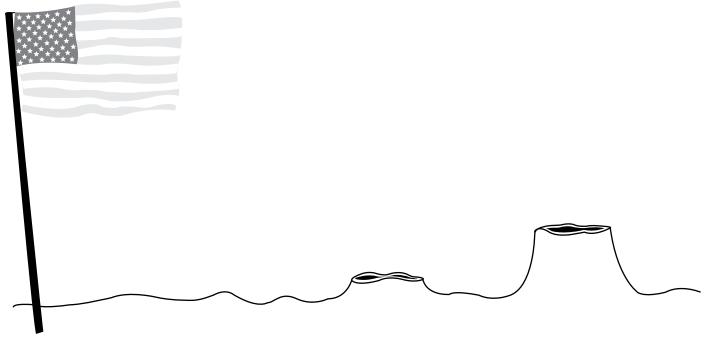
5. Read Aloud Each Day

It is very important that you read to your child each day. Please refer to the list of books and other resources sent home with the previous family letter, recommending resources related to astronomy.

Be sure to let your child know how much you enjoy hearing about what s/he has been learning at school.

NAME: _____

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If I went to the moon, I would _____

The best part about going to the moon would be_____

_____ because _____

The worst part about going to the moon would be_____

_____ because _____

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The four inner planets are ______,

and ______.

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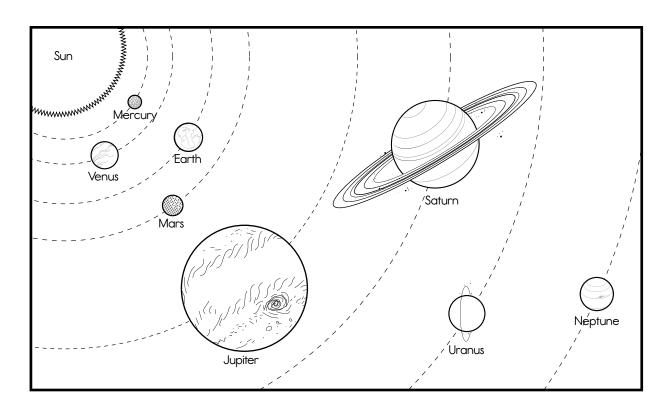
The four outer planets are ______,

and ______.

One thing I learned about ______ is

One thing I learned about ______ is

Directions: Read and answer each question using the diagram. You may wish to color the diagram to reflect what you know about the colors of certain planets in the solar system. DATE:



- 1. How many planets orbit the sun?
- 2. Which planet is closest to the sun?
- 3. Is Mars larger or smaller than Earth?
- 4. Which planet is famous for its rings?

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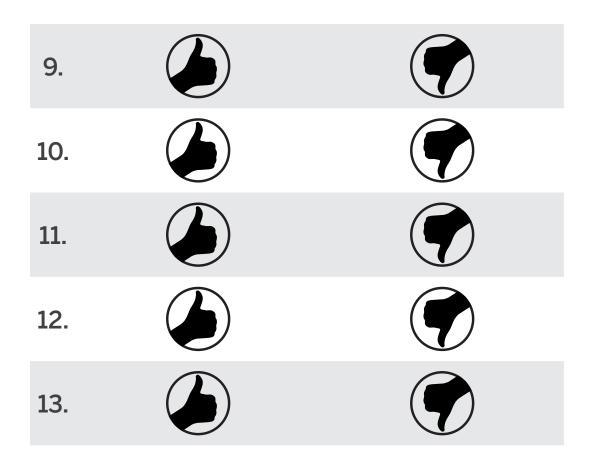




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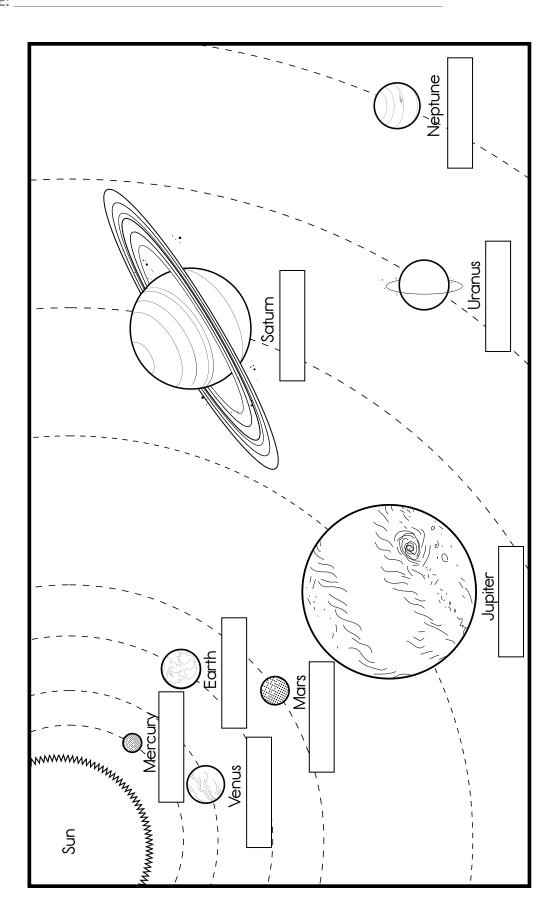






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