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SPACE

A pathfinder designed for preschool through grade 2 children to help you find materials on stars and planets in the West Springfield Public Library Youth Department.

> Parent/Teacher Materials <

THE MAILBOX,
PERIODICAL

"The Mailbox, Preschool." Spectacular Space Centers.
Oct./Nov., 2003. p. 44-47.

PARENT J372.21/GRE

Green, Moira D. Themes With a Difference: 228 New Activities for Young Children. Albany: Delmar Publishers, 1998.
This book uses a child-initiated, whole language approach to help you explore with children.

PARENT J372.21/JON

Jones Karen V. Classroom Adventures: Center-Based Themes For Early Childhood. Greensboro, NC: Education Center, Inc. 1999.
Ideas for teaching young children using themes. Included are several common early childhood themes, including "Off to Outer Space."

> Non-Fiction <

J523.2/RAU

Rau, Dana Meachen. The Solar System. Minneapolis, MN: Compass Point Books, 2001.
Briefly describes the characteristics of the sun, planets, moons, asteroids, and comets of our solar system.

J523.4/BRA

Branley, Franklyn M. The Planets in our Solar System. New York: HarperCollins Publishers, 1998.
Describes the nine planets and other bodies of the solar system; includes directions for making models showing the size of the planets and their distance from the sun.

J523.8/BER

Berger, Melvin & Gilda. Where Are the Stars During the Day? Nashville, TN: Ideals Children's Books, 1993.
Basic information on our solar system, its components, their movements, and their likely history.

J525/MAR

Marzollo, Jean. I Am Planet Earth. New York: Scholastic, 2001.
The planet Earth describes its location in the solar system, its atmosphere, geographic features, and treatment by the people who live on it.

> Poetry <

J821.008/TWI

Compilation by Mary Joslin. Twilight Verses Moonlight Rhymes. Minneapolis, MN: Augsburg, 1999.

An illustrated collection of classic poems, nursery rhymes, and lullabies.

OVERSIZED/EJ/LIV

Livingston, Myra Cohn. Space Songs. New York: Scholastic, Inc. 1988.

An illustrated collection of poems about various aspects of outer space.

> Fiction <

EJ/CRE

Crews, Nina. I'll Catch the Moon. New York: Greenwillow Books, 1996.

A child imagines going into outer space, catching the moon, and taking it on an around-the-world adventure.

EJ/JEF

Jeffers, Oliver. How to Catch a Star. New York: Philomel, 2004.

Eager to have a star of his own, a boy devises imaginative ways of catching one.

EJ/TUR

Turner, Ann. Stars for Sarah. New York: Harper & Row, 1991.

Lying in bed at night, Sarah wonders what life will be like when she moves to her new house, and her mother comes and reassures her.

> Video <

VIDEO J523.4/BIL

Bill Nye the Science Guy: The Planets. Walt Disney Home Video. Distributed by Buena Vista Home Video, 1994.

The Earth is a planet, but it's not the only one. There are eight others in our solar system, and each one of them is different. The Science Guy has already set out to ride his bicycle from the sun to each planet, just to show you how far they really are from one another! Find out how much they'll spin before they call it a day, and just how far they'll go to make an orbit!

JVIDEO/OWL

Owl Moon and other stories. From the book by Jane Yolen. Weston, CT: Children's Circle Home Video, 1990.

On a winter's night under a full moon, a father and daughter trek into the woods to see the Great Horned Owl.

> Website <

Starchild: A Learning Center for Young Astronomers. Site maintained by High Energy Astrophysics Science Archive Research Center, within the Exploration of the Universe at NASA/GSFC. Site visited April 14, 2005.

<http://starchild.gsfc.nasa.gov/docs/StarChild/StarChild.html>

Child-friendly website with basic information about the solar system and the universe. Includes ideas for activities in the classroom.

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