

The Moon Over Star

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Themes: Exploration, Space, Careers, Inspiration
Grade Level: K to 3rd grade
Book Brief: A young girl watches the 1969 moon landing with her family and is inspired to become an astronaut herself.

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TIME TO READ!

Before reading: Ask the children what they want to be when they grow up. Do any of them have a dream job? What will they need to do to get that job?

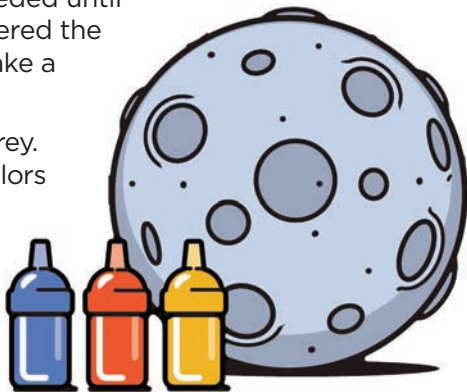
RELATED ACTIVITIES

MOON MACHE (AGES 5-12)

Make your own paper-mache moon!
(This activity may take several days.)

Materials: 1 balloon (blown up), "paste" (mix 1 part flour, 2 parts water), newspaper strips, paint

1. Cover the balloon in strips of newspaper dipped in paste. Let dry.
2. Repeat as needed until you have covered the balloon to make a solid globe.
3. Paint white/grey. Use darker colors to make craters.



MUCH "TO DO" (AGES 7-12)

Mae wants to be an astronaut when she grows up. What do your kids want to be? Have them choose a job and research how to get it. They should make a "to do" list of what they need to do to get their dream jobs. Let them illustrate their lists. What would they read or study? Are there related volunteer opportunities in your community?



JUST A PHASE (AGES 5-12)

Materials: rice cakes

Give the children rice cakes and let them make a diorama showing the phases of the moon. After they're finished, let them eat the rice cakes with peanut butter, spreadable cheese or hazelnut spread.

(The lunar cycle can be found online at:
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lunar_phase)

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

OTHER BOOKS BY THIS AUTHOR

A Seed Is Sleepy (2007), *An Egg Is Quiet* (2006), *Dream Something Big* (2011), *Mama Outside, Mama Inside* (2006).

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