

SONGS AND RHYMES

There are many appropriate rhymes to use with children.

Hey Diddle Diddle

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The Cat and the Fiddle
The cow jumped over the moon
The little dog laughed to see such a sight
And the dish ran away with the spoon.

(A colouring sheet can be found on p.115)

Ring Around a Rocket Ship

Ring around a rocket ship
Reach up to grab a star
Star dust star dust
Fall where you are.

Bend and Stretch

Bend and stretch, reach for the stars
Here comes Jupiter
There goes Mars
Bend and stretch, reach for the sky!
Stand tiptoe, Oh so high!

(Follow actions
sway and point up to the left
sway and point up to the right)

Zoom Zoom Zoom Your Ship (Tune: Row Row Row your Boat)

Zoom zoom zoom your ship
Up among the stars
On our way back to home
Look, we're passing Mars.

I'm a Little Rocket (Tune: I'm a Little Teapot)

I'm a little rocket,
Watch me fly!
Here is my nose
Pointing up to the sky
First I blast off
Then wave 'bye
Lift off the launch pad
Up into the sky.

Space Rocket

(Sit with elbows close to the body and hands held in front with tips of fingers touching to form cone of a rocket)

Inside a rocket ship

Just enough room

Here comes the countdown—

10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1, 0,

And Zooo-o-o-o-o-o-om! (Stand up and raise arms as high as possible with fingers still held together like the cone of a rocket)

For babies and toddlers: hold them on your lap with your arms wrapped around them. Rock gently back and forth until Zoom when you lift them, high in the air

Flying to the Moon (tune “The Farmer in the Dell”)

There are various versions of this song:

All children join hands in a circle in a squatting position and begin the countdown.

10-9-8-7-6-5-4-3-2-1-0 BLAST OFF!

(Children point arms above their heads and, pushing off with their legs, jump into the air.)

We're flying to the moon, we're flying to the moon.

Put your rocket safely down, we're landing on the moon.

(They pretend to land by bending knees)

We're walking on the moon, we're walking on the moon.

(Children take long shaky steps as they walk around the room)

We weigh so little, we're almost floating--we're walking on the moon.

10-9-8-7-6-5-4-3-2-1-0 BLAST OFF!

(Children again point arms above their heads and jump)

We're flying back to Earth, we're flying back to Earth.

We're taking a walk in space, we're taking a walk in space.

(Children pretend to walk and float as if in weightless atmosphere)

We're landing back on Earth, we're landing back on Earth.

(They pretend to land, first on feet, then on knees, and end up sitting on the floor)

We've left the moon and outer space, and we've landed back home.

OR:

Verse 1:

We're flying to the moon, we're flying to the moon, we've left the Earth in our rocket ship, and we're flying to the moon.

Verse 2:

We're taking a walk in space, we're taking a walk in space, we've left the Earth in our rocket ship, and we're taking a walk in space.

Verse 3:

We're landing on the moon, we're landing on the moon, we've left the Earth in our rocket ship, and we're landing on the moon.

Four Little Stars

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Four little stars winking at me. One shot off, then there were three!
Three little stars with nothing to do. One shot off, then there were two!
Two little stars afraid of the sun. One shot off, then there was one!
One little star alone is no fun. It shot off, then there was none!

Use this as a felt rhyme – patterns of stars are included in the clipart.

Aliens

1 little, 2 little, 3 little aliens
4 little, 5 little, 6 little aliens
7 little, 8 little, 9 little aliens
10 little a-li-en children!

Flying through space, gonna come and visit you
Flying through space, gonna come and visit you
Flying through space, gonna come and visit you
10 little a-li-en children

10 little, 9 little, 8 little aliens
7 little, 6 little, 5 little aliens
4 little, 3 little, 2 little aliens
1 little a-li-en child!

Our Sun Has Nine Planets (tune: "The More We Get Together")

Our sun has nine planets
First Mercury, then Venus
Earth, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus
Next Neptune and Pluto together go round
Our sun has nine planets that orbit around.

I Know the Planets (tune: "Skip to My Lou")

I know the planets, how about you? I know the planets, how about you? I know the planets, how about you? Let's say the names together.

Mercury, Venus, Earth, and Mars. Jupiter and Saturn among the stars. Uranus, Neptune, and Pluto too, all spin around in space, it's true.

Everything goes around the sun. Spinning, spinning everyone. The Earth is ours, it's number three. Its atmosphere is right for me.

The Planets Go Marching (tune: "The Ants Go Marching")

Verse 1: The planets revolve around the sun. Hurrah! Hurrah! The planets revolve around the sun. Hurrah! Hurrah! The planets revolve around the sun and spin on their axis everyone. And they all go spinning, around and around they go.

Verse 2: Mercury, Venus, Earth, and Mars. Hurrah! Hurrah! Mercury, Venus, Earth, and Mars. Hurrah! Hurrah! Mercury, Venus, Earth, and Mars are whirling and twirling around the sun. And they all go spinning, around and around they go.

Verse 3: Jupiter, Saturn are next in line. Hurrah! Hurrah! Jupiter, Saturn are next in line. Hurrah! Hurrah! Jupiter, Saturn are next in line. Uranus, Neptune, and Pluto make nine. And they all go spinning, around and around they go.

Outer Space (tune: "If You're Happy and You Know It")

Outer space is where I really want to be
I travel inside a space ship, can't you see
I'll travel through the stars
Visit Jupiter and Mars
Outer Space is where I really want to be.

If You're an Astronaut (tune: "If You're Happy and You Know It")

If you're an astronaut and you know it
Buckle up
<repeat>
If you're an astronaut and you know it
And you're ready now to show it
If you're an astronaut and you know it
Buckle Up

If you're an astronaut and you know it
Zoom to space
<repeat>
If you're an astronaut and you know it
Take the rocket ship and show it
If you're an astronaut and you know it
Zoom to space

If you're an astronaut and you know it
Circle the Moon
<repeat>
If you're an astronaut and you know it
Get some moon rocks now to show it (pick up rocks)
If you're an astronaut and you know it
Circle the Moon

If you're an astronaut and you know it
Fly back home

<repeat>

If you're an astronaut and you know it
And you're tired now and show it (yawn)
If you're an astronaut and you know it
Fly back home.

Blast Off

Jump into your spacesuit.

Don't forget your hat. (pretend to put on suit and helmet)

Buckle up for take off,

Belts from head to toe. (pretend to buckle up)

Count down from ten and blast off,

Up to the moon we go!

10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1...

Blastoff! (count on fingers, put palms together, and extend arms above head)

Hand clapping activity:

(tune/tempo of "Mary Mack, Mack, Mack," and is a clapping and snapping rhyme)

Oh Alien X, X, X

Goes out on treks, treks, treks

And searches ga-lax-ies

For spaceship wrecks, wrecks, wrecks!

He flies them home, home, home,

Through a time-warp cone, cone, cone

All alone, -lone, -lone

He sells them all, all, all

At the Galaxy Mall, Mall, Mall

So if you want a space, spaceship

Just give him a call, call, call!

Zoom, Zoom, Zoom

I'm going to the moon

Zoom, Zoom, Zoom

I'm going to the moon

If you want to take a trip

Climb aboard my rocket ship

Zoom, Zoom, Zoom

I'm going to the moon.

The Solar System (Tune: "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star")

Twinkle, twinkle, little star,
Oh so bright and oh so far.
In the sky, a tiny dot.
Glowing gas that's very hot!
Twinkle, twinkle, little star,
Oh so bright and oh so far.

Beaming, beaming, gleaming moon,
Like a giant white balloon.
Round and round the Earth you spin,
Through the month, new shapes you're in.
Beaming, beaming, gleaming moon,
Like a giant white balloon.

Glowing, glowing, red-hot sun.
Shining light on everyone.
Earth goes round you once a year.
You're a star with atmosphere!
Glowing, glowing, red-hot sun,
Shining light on everyone.

For more songs take a look at:
<http://members.shaw.ca/henriksent/space.htm>

The words and music for the following songs can be found at
National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, Kids' Pages
(<http://www.niehs.nih.gov/kids/music.htm#index>)

"Mr. Sun"
"When You Wish upon a Star"
"Would You Like to Swing on a Star?"
"I See the Moon and the Moon Sees Me"
"You Are My Sunshine"
"Twinkle Twinkle Little Star" (with many verses!)

Let's Go on a Space Trip

Seat the children in a circle or in rows as though they are on a space bus. Have the children repeat the words and any appropriate motions.

Let's go on a space trip.
Let's pack our bags.
Don't forget your toothbrush.
Let's climb aboard.
Strap yourself in.
Count down-10,9,8,7,6,5,4,3,2,1,0, blast off!

We're going faster! Hold tight! (shake as though moving fast)
 Now we're in space. (wave arms as though floating)
 Oh look I see the moon! (peer out window)
 It's big: (Make big circle with arms)
 Can't go over it, can't go under it, let's go around it.
 Look, there's the sun.
 It's so bright it hurts my eyes (squint and shade eyes)
 We're turning back.
 I see the moon.
 Look, there's the Earth.
 It's getting closer
 The parachute is open.
 We're floating down to a soft landing on Earth.
 Home!

Display Ideas

- Tie in book displays with current events by using newspaper clippings on new space discoveries
- Posters from the latest Star Wars adventure can add interest to book displays.
- Hang a series of cut out spaceships sailing to a different destination of your library's collection throughout the summer. Have the spaceships sailing toward the biography section one week to encourage readers to read biographies. The next voyage could be the shelves of books written by authors with names beginning with "B". Rocket ships, magnifying glasses, or clip art objects can be cut out and placed to direct readers to all types of books.
- Create a Magnifying Question display by making a big construction paper magnifying glass. "What am I/ Where can I be found/ What am I used for? " The display could change throughout the summer to reflect the various aspects of the Summer Reading Club (SRC). Different environments such as the moon landscape, or the interior of the space shuttle are areas for interesting questions.
- Create a weekly counting contest by filling a jar with a collection of theme related objects. A jar can be filled with "moon rock" candy, shooting star stickers, rainbow stickers, and other low cost items purchased from local stores or catalogues.
- Modes of transportation provide ideas for spaceships surrounded by planets or how about designing a vehicle for future travels?
- A space theme may inspire you to explore the final frontier with a large spaceship display. To get in the mood dress a doll or stuffed animal in space gear. Go up, up, and away by hanging a large model airplane trailing a banner lettered **Explore Other Worlds @ Your Library®**.
- Explore different countries and ethnic groups by displaying a large map or creating a large papier-mâché globe you can name "Spaceship Earth." Children can move cut out figures around the globe as they travel.
- Use large cardboard boxes to create rocket ships, space station, a time machine, or a robot. The robot can be used to display your programs for the week or month.



- Use your own imagination and create your own fantasy planet. A simple map can be drawn on a large piece of cardboard and then create mountains lakes, and other geographical points of interest using colourful scrap paper, yarn, glitter, Styrofoam, and other craft materials. Put two suns or moons up in the sky, have purple oceans and orange grass.
- Make a mobile using some of the clipart available in the manual or use them as a summer time craft for the kids.
- Make a timeline to use as a frieze around the walls of the children's room. The expanded version of the one in the logbook can be found on p. 57.
- Use glue, glitter, and pipe cleaners on lightweight balls to create planets you can hang from the ceiling.
- Will you be displaying the numbers of books read or time spent reading, visually?
- Create an Earth and moon and have the children's spacecrafts travel to the moon as they read. The moon is about 384,400 km from Earth.
- Put up a dark-blue piece of construction paper and let the children put up stars with their name on it every time they have read a book, or spent the required amount of time reading.
- A paper solar system can be created and put up on a bulletin board. The sun would be used as the starting point where the child can place their star (with their name on it) when they join. With each book report the child finishes they get to move to the next planet in the solar system. If nine planets are not enough, moons or space comets can be added.
- Buy glow-in-the-dark paper and cut out stars and moons for a wall where you can darken the surrounding area.
- Your local dollar stores or stationery stores are a good source for appropriate pictures, banners and other theme related images. The clipart at the end of this manual is also useful for this. Colour images of much of the clipart can be found at the SRC website for libraries at www.td-club-td.ca