AT HOME PRESCHOOL STORYTIME: OUTER SPACE

Read a Story:

Read a story with your child! Asking children what they think might happen in the story or what they notice in the illustrations are great ways to build pre-literacy skills while reading at home.

Use your own favorite book about rocketships, the moon, or stars, or use your South Kingstown Public Library card to download one of these suggestions from HooplaDigital (https://www.hoopladigital.com/) or RI eZone (https://riezone.overdrive.com/library/kids) via the websites or free downloadable apps.

- **A Big Mooncake for Little Star** by Grace Lin (Hoopla & eZone)
- **Pete the Cat: Twinkle Twinkle Little Star** by James Dean (Hoopla & eZone)
- **A Place for Pluto** by Stef Wade (eZone)
- **Curious George Discovers the Stars** by H.A. Rey (Hoopla)
- **There Was an Old Astronaut Who Swallowed the Moon** by Lucille Colandro (eZone)
- **Faraway Friends** by Russ Cox (Hoopla & eZone)

Sing a Song:

What’s a storytime without some silly songs and dancing?

Play music that you have at home and just dance your crazy sillies out (and don’t be shy—the sillier you dance and the more you get into it, the more fun you and your child will have!).

You can also dance to one of our favorite storytime songs, **Zoom Zoom Zoom**! And just like dancing, don’t be shy! Just have fun and sing! But if you do need some help getting started, just sing along online here!

You can also sing along with **Pete the Cat to Twinkle Twinkle Little Star**!

**Zoom Zoom Zoom**

Zoom, zoom, zoom (rub hands together while raising them up)  
We're going to the moon.

Zoom, zoom, zoom (rub hands together while raising them up)  
We'll be there very soon

So, if you'd like to take a trip (mimic climbing up a ladder)  
Just step inside my rocket ship. (mimic climbing up a ladder)

Zoom, zoom, zoom (rub hands together while raising them up)  
We're going to the moon.

Zoom, zoom, zoom (rub hands together while raising them up)  
We'll be there very soon

5 - 4 - 3 - 2 - 1 - 0 - Blast Off !!! (slowly crouch down and jump up at the end)
This moldable mixture is similar to kinetic sand, but super soft! Kids can help measure and mix it, and it’s perfect for building as well as playing in it with small trucks or other toys.

**Ingredients**

- 1 cup flour
- 1 cup baking soda
- 1/4 cup vegetable oil

Mix the flour and baking soda together, then add the oil and mix until it’s fully dispersed. This will also work with 2 cups of flour and no baking soda.

Help kids practice counting, motor skills, and hand eye coordination with this simple game.

Using aluminum foil, create small “moon rock” balls. Write numbers on slips of paper. Have kids take turns drawing a number, and then tossing that many moon rocks into a container a few feet away. How many in a row can they toss in the container? Move the container further away for a greater challenge. (You can also use the moon rocks to play in the moon sand!)

**Arts & Crafts:**

**Star Pictures**

Gather up all your white, yellow or other light colored crayons, colored pencils, or chalk and create outer space pictures on black paper. You can also use crumbled up aluminum foil and paint to stamp colored planets or a moon!

**Rocket Ships**

Have extra paper towel or toilet paper tubes? Create rocket ships using colored paper, crayons, stickers, and tape! Encourage storytelling by asking your child where their rocket ship is blasting off to!