

# CURRICULUM BUILDERS



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SUPPORTING CHILD CARE PROVIDERS AND EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION



## ABOUT THE STORY

### *Space Trip*

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Illustrations by Lindy Burnett

A child uses his imagination to venture through outer space. He puts on his space suit and hops into his rocket ship. As the child explores through the galaxy, the reader is provided an opportunity to practice strings of rhythm, rhyme, and repetition.

### SEQUENCING & MEMORY

- Flip through the pages of *Space Trip* before reading the story. This allows the children to "read" the pictures and guess what's happening.
- Read *Space Trip* aloud.
- Re-tell the story by playing "If\_\_ then\_\_" to help children remember the sequence of the story.
- Use items from the story that represent the sequence as an interactive way to involve the children in storytelling.
- **Items needed:** lightweight pan, cape, or material for a cape, canned food items, kitchen utensils, cut outs of planets and stars.

### CRS RESOURCE LIBRARY

Curriculum resource books and toys are available to check out at our library. To make a library appointment or for more information, call 619-521-3055 ext. 2304

### WEB SITES:

<http://www.preschool-plan-it.com/space.html>

<http://www.prekinders.com/space-theme/>

[http://www.preschoolexpress.com/theme\\_station07/outer\\_space\\_jun07.shtml](http://www.preschoolexpress.com/theme_station07/outer_space_jun07.shtml)

<http://www.childcarelounge.com/general-themes/space.php>

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## LANGUAGE & LITERACY

### SPACE THEME BOOK LIBRARY

The perfect complement to The *Space Theme Box*! This library has five engaging paperback books selected to strengthen children’s understanding of the solar system and outer space! The library contains both fiction and non-fiction titles and the delightful illustrations and simple text help children explore a variety of fascinating concepts and stories from landing on the moon to becoming an astronaut.



### PLANETS SONG

Here are nine planets that we know.  
Round and round the Sun they go.  
Mercury, Venus, Earth, and Mars,  
These are the planets near our star.

Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, too.  
Neptune, Pluto, we can't see you.  
These are the nine planets that we know.  
Round and round the Sun they go.

## THEME BOX LEARNING

### SPACE THEME BOX

Children learn all about the solar system and outer space with comprehensive, hands-on lessons that span the curriculum! From space sand and miniature astronauts, to a puzzle and photo cards. This theme box is packed with materials that help children explore the depths of space.



## PUZZLES

### SOLAR SYSTEM FLOOR PUZZLE

As children put together this giant puzzle, they create a vibrant image of our solar system complete with all 8 planets, the asteroid belt, moons and more!



## SENSORY EXPLORATION

### GALAXY SLIME

Materials:

- 1 Bottle of Clear Elmer’s School Glue (5oz)
- 1/2-3/4 cup Sta-Flo Liquid Starch
- Liquid Watercolors
- Fine glitter in a variety of colors
- Bowl



Instructions:

- Pour the glue into the bowl
- Add the liquid watercolors and glitter
- Mix well
- Start pouring in the liquid cornstarch, a little bit at a time, stirring well to incorporate starch fully
- Use hands to knead mixture until the slime has reached a stretchable consistency
- Enjoy Galaxy Slime!