



January 18, 2021

Dear Enhanced Parents,

Last week we talked about Manners and Respect. The children made a Character-Building House and filled it with words that they felt were kind and respectful. We read the story Stone Soup. We acted out the story using props from Dramatic Play. The children really enjoyed doing this.

This week we will talk about Space and Science. The color of the month is blue, the concept is pairs, the shape is star and snowflake and the letter for this week is Ee.

In **Math and Science**, the children will make math stories using blocks, complete a rocket worksheet counting backwards from 20, graph the number of moons each planet has, write numbers 1-50, and play Go Fish and War. We will introduce the word **gravity**, talk about the difference between the red and blue stars, talk about the different phases of the moon, and discuss how the earth and planets rotate around the sun. We will talk about how the sun is a star and that the stars in the sky are big, but they are so far away and that is what makes them look so small. They will learn that if we could travel to the sun it would take over 170 million years to get there. We will do an experiment to show how the moon stays in orbit using a paper plate and a marble.

In **Music and Movement**, the children will sing "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star," "We are the Planets," "The Solar System Song," and we will make up a song about an astronaut.

In **Language Arts** the children will be listening to stories about Space such as I want to Be an Astronaut by Byron Barton, The International Space Station by Franklin Branley, Man on the Moon by Simon Bartram, Blast off to the Moon! By Paul Nicholls, The Magic School Bus Lost in the Solar System by Joanna Cole, The Magic School Bus Out of this World a Book About Space Rocks by Joanna Cole, Baloney by Jon Scieszka, and What Do Astronauts Do? By Carmen Bredeson.

In our **Small Motor** center, the children will grasp the paint brush to paint their pictures of the Milky Way. They will also strengthen their fine motor skills by drawing and coloring pictures of them being Astronauts. They will also grasp the math manipulatives to help with one to one correspondence in math.

We are super excited for this week and all the weeks to come. Please continue to reinforce what we are doing in school at home. This will help with easier transition to learning at school.

Have a great week!! As always, should you have questions, please do not hesitate to ask. You can email Enhanced Team at vcastingrays@outlook.com or call us at 321-433-2330.

Sincerely,

Ms. Vicki and Ms. Rikeeta