



## Theme: Outer Space!



Area of Focus	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4
<b>Language</b> (stories/books about outer space, astronauts, and planets)  *practice naming planets in order from the sun	Read "Hello, World! Solar System"	Read "On the Launch Pad" & "Pop-up Space Book"	Read "Mousetronaut" & "Arial, the Astronaut"	Read "8 Little Planets" & "Papa, Please Get the Moon for Me"
<b>Gross Motor</b> (large muscle movements)  Toys purchased at Amazon.com	Hunting down the sun & orbit game	Jump on "Stomp Rocket" toy in backyard	'Moon walk/float' through the house	Count backward from 10, blast off with jumps, and 'fly' around house
<b>Fine Motor</b> (developing muscle control in the hands and hand-eye coordination)	Solar System Floor Puzzle	Use colored playdough to make planets	Outer space magnetic play scene	Build with Outer Space Magna-Tiles
<b>Media and Music Learning</b> (TV, music, dancing, and singing about outer space)  Source: YouTube	Sing "Mr. Golden Sun Song" with simple hand motions	Sing and dance to the "Rocket Song" by Little Baby Bum	Watch: I Wanna Be an Astronaut!   by Little Angel Kids Songs (3:53)	Sing the Planet Song   by HiDino Kids Songs
<b>Sensory Learning</b> (activities involving the 5 senses)	Explore Earth with toy telescope (trees, clouds, moon etc.)  Sense: Sight	Touch 3D Moon Night Light  Sense: Touch	Eat star shaped PB&J and 'moon cheese'  Sense: Taste	"Fizzing Jupiter" bath bomb in water  Sense: Hearing & Smell

*\* If possible, try to point out the stars and/or moon before bedtime\**





GROSS MOTOR:

Hunting down the sun orbit game.

*Use yellow construction paper to cut out 7-10 yellow "suns." Place them in various locations around your house. You may even want to tape a few to the wall. Dim the lights and give the child/children flashlights. Let me go and hunt down the sun! Once they find all the 'suns' place them on a table and assign the child/children a planet. Talk about how the planets orbit around the sun. Turn on music and let them "orbit" until you stop the music. Press play and they can continue to orbit.*

