Dear Parents:

Today we used some of these books, fingerplays, and other materials in our toddler and preschool storytimes. Please continue helping your child develop a love for books and reading by sharing these rhymes, books, and other activities with your child.

Books To Share

**Zoom, Rocket, Zoom!**
by Margaret Mayo

**Higher! Higher!**
by Leslie Patricelli

**The Sun is My Favorite Star**
by Frank Asch

**Mickey Moonbeam**
by Mike Brownlow

**Mousetronaut:**
*based on a (partially) true story*
by Mark E. Kelly

**Stars! Stars! Stars!**
by Bob Barner

**Kitten’s First Full Moon**
by Kevin Henkes

**Sheep Blast Off!**
by Nancy Shaw

**I Want to Be an Astronaut**
by Byron Barton

**Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star**
illustrated by Jerry Pinkley

**Hedgie Blasts Off!**
by Jan Brett

---

Fun With Fingerplays and Songs

**We’re Flying to the Moon**
(tune: “The Farmer in the Dell”)
We're flying to the moon.
We're flying to the moon.
Blast off, away we go,
We're flying to the moon.

Repeat with these verses:
We're going in a spacecraft…
We're walking out in space…
We're landing on the moon…
We're collecting moon rocks…
We're flying back to Earth…
We're landing on the Earth…

**I'm a Little Rocketship**
(tune: “I'm a Little Teapot”)
I'm a little rocketship pointing at the moon.
(Raise arms above head with fingertips touching.)
Now I'm getting fueled up.
(Wiggle your hips.)
We'll be ready soon.
(Stand up straight and tall.)
When it's time to board me, then I'll say,
(Slowly bend knees and crouch down)
“Blast off! Zoom! We're on our way.”
(Jump up and shout!)

**Stars**
I watch the stars come out at night,
I wonder where they get their light.
I don't think they'll ever fall,
So, I'll reach up and pick them all.
Old Town Library ▪ Council Tree Library ▪ Harmony Library
201 Peterson ▪ 2733 Council Tree Avenue ▪ 4616 South Shields

www.PoudreLibraries.org
221.6740

Reasonable accommodations will be made for access to programs for people with disabilities. Please call 221.6740 for assistance.

We'll Be Orbiting ‘Round the Moon
(tune: “She’ll be Coming ‘Round the Mountain”)
We'll be orbiting 'round the moon. Yes we will!
We'll be orbiting 'round the moon. Yes we will!
We'll be orbiting 'round the moon.
We'll be orbiting 'round the moon. Yes we will!
Repeat with these verses:
We'll be landing on the moon…
Well be walking on the moon…
We'll be blasting off again…
We'll be landing back on Earth…

Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star Remix
(tune: “Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star”)
Twinkle, twinkle, little star,
I know what you really are:
Giant ball of glowing gas,
One of billions in a mass!
Twinkle, twinkle, little star,
Oh, how big you really are!

Twinkle, twinkle, giant star,
Larger than the Earth by far!
Since your distance is a lot,
You look like a tiny dot.
Twinkle, twinkle, giant star,
Very bright, yet very far!

Stars are twinkling, every one,
Some are bigger than the sun!
Just a twinkle in the sky,
Just because you are so high!
Twinkle, twinkle, little star,
Oh how big you really are!

Moon Rocks
These edible Moon Rocks are as lumpy and bumpy as the surface of the moon, but probably a bit more tasty! Enlist the help of your "astrokids" to whip up a batch of these delicious Moon Rocks.

Ingredients for one batch:
24 oz. white baking chocolate
1 c. peanuts
1 c. pretzels
10 oz. bag M&M's®
10 oz. bag mini-marshmallows
paper baking cups
spoon

Directions:
Give each child a baking cup, and have child write his/her name on the outside. Melt the white chocolate in a large microwaveable container. Stir in the remaining ingredients until everything is well coated. Have each child scoop a large spoonful of the mixture into his/her baking cup. Chill until the mixture sets (about half an hour). Makes approximately 25 servings.

Astronaut Exercises
Astronauts must be in top physical condition to endure the rigors of space travel. Get your space ace trainees in shape with an out-of-this-world workout!

Solar System Stretch: Reach to the sky. Then stretch arms out wide.
Rocket Ship Run-in-Place: Warm up and get ready to take off!
Lunar Leaps: Jump as far as you can.
Trainee Toe Touches: Touch your toes ten times.
Planet Push-ups: Do eight push-ups. One for each planet!
Constellation Cool Down: Lie down on your back. Relax as you imagine staring up at a starry sky.

Every Child Ready to Read @ Your Library®
Learning to read begins before your child starts school. Help your children develop early literacy skills now; this makes it easier for children to learn to read once they begin school.

Five of the best ways to help your child get ready to read are:

- Talking
- Singing
- Reading
- Writing
- Playing

If you would like more information, please ask the staff in the children's area.

Every Child Ready to Read® is a project of the Association for Library Service to Children and the Public Library Association, divisions of the American Library Association.

Updated 12/14