

# Opening the **CLIF**

## Out Of This World



- Space Cows by Eric Seltzer**
- Good Night World by Willa Perlman**
- A Trip Into Space by Lori Haskins Houran**
- Hey-Ho, To Mars We'll Go! by Susan Lendroth**
- Earth: No Place Like Home by Joyce Markovics**
- I Want To Be An Astronaut by Byron Barton**
- Pop-Up Peekaboo! Space by Dawn Sirett**
- Sun by Marion Dane Bauer**



## Nursery Rhyme: Hey Diddle, Diddle Songs & Fingerplays to Share



CD: "Rocketship Run " from *Rocketship Run* by Laurie Berkner

### A Tiny Little Star



There's a tiny little star  
Way up in the sky,  
*(raise fist high)*  
A tiny little star,  
Up so very high.  
*(raise fist even higher)*

She twinkles brightly  
Through the night,  
*(open fist and wiggle fingers)*  
But during the day  
She's out of sight.  
*(hide hands behind back)*

### Astronaut, Astronaut

Astronaut, astronaut, turn around.  
Astronaut, astronaut, touch the ground.  
Astronaut, astronaut, jump up high.  
Astronaut, astronaut, touch the sky.  
Astronaut, astronaut, fly around in space.  
Astronaut, astronaut, sit back in your place!

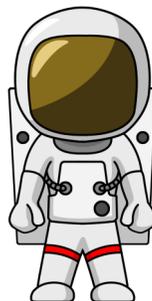
### Zoom, Zoom, Zoom!

Zoom, zoom, zoom,  
We're going to the moon.  
Zoom, zoom, zoom,  
We're going to the moon.  
If you'd like to take a trip,  
Climb aboard my rocket ship.  
Zoom, zoom, zoom,  
We're going to the moon.  
In 5...4...3...2...1...BLAST OFF!

*continue with:*

Fun, fun, fun,  
We're going to the sun...

Far, far, far,  
We're going to the stars...  
*for tune and hand movements,  
check out [Jbrary](#) on youtube!*



### Sun, Moon, and Stars

Here is the sun; it's big and bright.  
*(arms over head to make sun)*  
And here is the moon, with its glowing light  
*(use hands to make a circle)*  
Here are the stars up in the sky,  
*(point upward)*  
Twinkling brightly way up high.  
*(flutter fingers)*

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### Five Little Rockets

5 little rockets zooming off in space  
The first little rocket said, "Let's have a race."  
The second little rocket said, "Line up in a row!"  
The third little rocket said, "Ready, set, go!"  
The fourth little rocket said, "Beep beep beep."  
The fifth little rocket said, "You can't catch me!"  
Then roar went their engines and blink went their lights  
And five little rockets zoomed out of sight.



## More Books to Share:

*The Story of Earth* by Nadia Higgins  
*Mousetronaut* by Astronaut Mark Kelly  
*Zoom, Rocket, Zoom* by Margaret Mayo  
*Tiny Little Rocket* by Richard Collingridge  
*The Sun Is Kind of a Big Deal* by Nick Seluk  
*A Big Mooncake for Little Star* by Grace Lin  
*Pete the Cat Out of This World* by James Dean  
*A Hundred Billion Trillion Stars* by Seth Fishman  
*ABC's of Space* by Chris Ferrie & Julia Kregenow, PhD

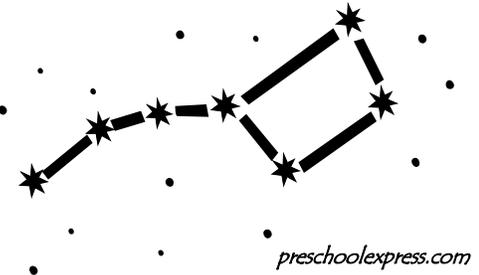
## Activity Ideas:

**Eat the Moon Space Snack:** You will need plain rice cakes (one for each child), softened cream cheese, banana(s), plastic knives, and Cheerios (optional). Instruct the children use a plastic knife to spread cream cheese onto their rice cake. Help children slice the banana (four or five will fit on each rice cake), then place them onto the cream cheese to resemble moon craters. If desired, add Cheerios for small craters.

[www.thingstoshareandremember.com/eat-the-moon-space-snack/](http://www.thingstoshareandremember.com/eat-the-moon-space-snack/)

### Creative Constellations:

- ★ Display and discuss pictures of simple constellations, such as the Big Dipper.
- ★ Give each of your children a piece of black paper and several star stickers.
- ★ Invite them to invent their own constellations by arranging their stars on their papers any way they wish and then joining the stars with a white crayon or chalk.
- ★ Encourage your children to make up names for their constellations.



[preschoolexpress.com](http://preschoolexpress.com)

**Out Of This World Celestial Art:** Pour white paint into a spray bottle, then dilute it with water. Children spritz a sheet of black construction paper with the diluted paint (not too much!) for a spattered effect. While it dries, instruct them to cut circles (planets) of various sizes from different colors of paper (a great use for scraps of paper and/or magazines), then glue them on the black background. Decorate the project with foil stars and glitter so it resembles outer space.

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## Book of the Month:

*Cardboard Creations: Open-Ended Exploration With Recycled Materials* by Barbara Rucci PTC 745.54 R

Look no further than your recycling bin to ignite your child's imagination! Featuring more than 20 sustainable art projects (with more than 75 different variations), *Cardboard Creations* shows you how to inspire creativity without having to buy fancy art supplies. Whether you're a parent or caregiver in search of activities for just one child, or a seasoned art teacher looking for new projects to engage a group of children, this book is for you. Start reusing, exploring, and inventing today!



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SUMMER READING 2019

## Road to Reading Tip:

It has been a fun-filled year sharing story time with the children in daycare! We hope to see you in the library this summer as you continue to nurture your child's love of books ~ our Summer Reading Challenge is popular with all ages! For pre-readers, we offer *Read to Me, Please!*. Parents grandparents, siblings and caregivers are encouraged to read to children Birth—Pre-K. After sharing 25 books, the child is awarded a certificate and other surprises! Mark your calendar and visit your local branch of the Harford County Public Library beginning June 17 for fun programs and to sign up for this year's Summer Reading Challenge..



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