### Look Up



# What's Happening Now

Dear Families.

Children continue to explore their world by looking up to the sky! They learn about what can be found in the sky, such as the sun, moon and clouds, and how daytime and nighttime are different. They learn about astronauts and outer space, encouraging them to use their imagination and curiosity to explore concepts like gravity and space travel.

During this unit, children also:

- Practice identifying uppercase and lowercase letters.
- Begin working on combining and adding objects.
- Create shadow puppets.
- Learn about astronaut's gear and how they train for their missions.



## **Keep It Going**

#### Share Learning

Children are learning that things fall down towards the Earth. Discuss how all things fall down towards the Earth, but different things fall differently, like a feather versus a toy car. The feather sort of floats down. Ask your children: Does the car? Invite them to test different objects and observe how they fall. What is making the feather and other objects fall differently? Explorations such as these may lead to other questions that children can test out. Send any photos or information you learn to school to share!

#### **Share Your Expertise**

Looking for family members who might share what they know about weather forecasts, the sky, astronomy, and airplanes.

#### **Share Some Supplies**

- Clean, plastic water or juice bottles
- For the new Dramatic Play Center (Weather Station), we are looking for maps, old or toy video cameras, keyboards, old computer monitor, old or toy microphones, newscaster/weather forecaster clothing (winter coats, raincoats, hats, scarves, blazers, ties, dresses, etc.), and weather tools (thermometers, barometers, pinwheels, fans, etc.).