



the Space Place

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NEWS AND NOTES FOR FORMAL AND INFORMAL EDUCATORS

Space Place is a NASA website for elementary school-aged kids, their teachers, and their parents.

It's colorful!
It's dynamic!
It's fun!
It's rich with science, technology, engineering, and math content!
It's informal.
It's meaty.
It's easy to read and understand.
It's also in Spanish.
And it's free!

It has over 150 separate modules for kids, including hands-on projects, interactive games, animated cartoons, and amazing facts about space and Earth science and technology.

Summer is upon us! What will you do with the extra sunlight and, hopefully, a little bit of extra time? At Space Place, we have you covered with new articles and activities.

New!

The Age of the Sun

We see it in the sky every day, but how much do we know about the sun? What about something basic, like its age? Find out the sun's age, and just how it is that we know how old it is.

<http://spaceplace.nasa.gov/sun-age>



Space Place en Español

We are always adding new articles and activities translated into Spanish for our language learner audiences. Be sure to check out our Spanish language site.

<http://spaceplace.nasa.gov/sp>



New!

How Far Away is the Moon?

It seems close because we can see it easily with the naked eye, but 30 Earths could fit between us and the moon.

<http://spaceplace.nasa.gov/moon-distance>

New!

How Many Moons?

Go on a tour of our solar system and meet some of the most popular moons. Saturn has the most confirmed moons, but Jupiter has the biggest one, Ganymede. Do you know why Mercury doesn't have any moons at all?

<http://spaceplace.nasa.gov/how-many-moons>



Printable Content

You can decorate your classroom with the official **Space Place calendar** for the **2015-2016** school year.

It has beautiful images, NASA facts and trivia, and links to relevant content. Download individual months or the entire set today.

<http://spaceplace.nasa.gov/calendar>



The Space Place Experiment Center



Introducing a new way to spice up your classroom or after-school experience—the “Space Place Experiment Center.” Loaded with two classic bean-sprout experiments, this web app brings the excitement of the scientific method into the digital age with a framework for students to input observations and record daily changes—all online. How much water does a bean need to sprout? What happens if you try to grow a bean plant without light? Start your investigation today!

<http://spaceplace.nasa.gov/experiment>



Special Days

June 5 — World Environment Day

Play the Missions to Planet Earth card game.
<http://spaceplace.nasa.gov/earth-card-game>

June 18 — Sally Ride became first U.S. woman in space, 1983.

Look at our photo gallery of astronauts and rockets!

<http://spaceplace.nasa.gov/gallery-technology>



June 21 — Summer Solstice and the First Day of Summer

Find out why we have seasons on Earth, and how it's related to long and short days.

<http://spaceplace.nasa.gov/seasons>

July 6 — Aphelion: on this day we are farthest from the sun.

Learn about the sun and Earth's special relationship in our animated storybook, “Super Star Meets the Plucky Planet.”

<http://spaceplace.nasa.gov/story-superstar>

July 16 — Apollo 11 launched in 1969, bringing astronauts to the moon for the first time.

Why does the moon have so many craters?

<http://spaceplace.nasa.gov/craters>

July 29 — NASA established in 1958.

Download your own Space Place desktop wallpaper to celebrate!

<http://spaceplace.nasa.gov/wallpaper>