Expanding Our World Into Outer Space!
What a wonderful month we have had learning about “SPACE”.

The children wondered, questioned, explored experienced and learned something new each day. We started with the three year old groups laying the foundation for cognitive learning about space.

Each time a child is introduced to this subject as they develop, their awareness and curiosity will build as we scaffold their learning and abilities grow. We have planted the seed of interest and the next step is in the hands of future teachers and parents to nurture, stimulate, and encourage a child’s knowledge about space. The teachers mixed factual material and fictional information through books, video clips and hands on experiences. The space theme was introduced by the teachers using Space Cub (a lion puppet) and a Space Raccoon puppet, who arrived each day to tell the children about a new planet. We all had fun learning through science experiments, using felt board stories, and playing in the pretend Rocket Ship and with Space action toys. The children pretended to be astronauts, scientists, mechanics, and space lab technicians. We learned what astronauts wear, what they eat and that they are weightless in space. The children can name the planets (all 8 of them) enthusiastically and still have lots of curiosity about the old dwarf planet Pluto! We can sing songs, do fingerplays, and name astronauts. Ask your child the following questions:

1) Can you sing the Planet song? (see attached lyrics).

2) Can you hear sounds in space? Why or why not? (no, no air).

3) Why does an astronaut wear a helmet in space? (to be able to breath oxygen).

4) What is the biggest star called? (the sun).

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The Blue room had Michaela’s dad read Gruffalo, Mae’s grandparents read a story, Lena’s family came to celebrate Lena’s birthday, Elisabeth’s mom and brother came to celebrate her birthday and Raekyeong’s family visited to celebrate her birthday in the afternoon class.
The preschool hosted a group of three and four year olds on our playground recently from the Cyert Center. They brought the snack and we supplied the juice boxes. Everyone had a great time!
Making moons, craters, and solar systems

Hands on learning