

Astronomy and Space Journal



Students Information:

During the Challenger Training, you will be keeping an Astronomy and Space Journal. Your journal will require daily entries and should not take you more than ten minutes a day for completion.

Here's how it works:

- At night, view the sky. Write down your observations. You can talk about the color of the night sky, the shape of the moon or moon phase and star constellations you might see.
- Each night, construct a drawing of what you see.
- Every day, look through the newspaper to obtain articles related to space. (You may not be able to find articles everyday.) These articles can be about NASA, the Space Program, planets, comets, space probes, etc. If you don't have a newspaper, remember I have them in the classroom. You can look through them during your spare time or at recess -- not during instruction.
- You can also look for articles that appear in magazines or on the computer. You should include at least 2.
- Weather affects viewing of the night sky. Include the weather reports on a daily basis. This information can be found in the newspaper on the back page of the first section, on television, or on the computer.
- Watch one television show or movie relating to space. Write about it. Be sure to include the name of the movie or program, a brief summary of what it was about and what you learned from the program. (Ask me for suggestions if necessary.)
- Design your journal to look any way you want.



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A few things to keep in mind:

- Your grade will reflect the amount of time you spent. Personal best is always the best. Put time and effort into this project.
- Your artistic ability will not be graded, but the more colorful and detailed your drawings are, the better the grade.
- An entry must be made **every evening**.
- Try to conduct your observations at different times. This will add variety to your journal.
- If you have any questions concerning this journal, ask! Remember, the only dumb question is the one that is not asked!

- Lastly, I expect your best work!

