

## Curriculum Share

### DRDP Measure:

COG 11: Knowledge of the Natural World Child develops the capacity to understand objects (living and nonliving things) and events in the natural world, including how they change and their characteristics

LLD 5: Interest in Literacy Child shows interest in books, songs, rhymes, stories, and other literacy activities in increasingly complex ways  
Age Group: Infants and Toddlers

### Developmental information

Infants and toddlers love to look up at the sky and one of the coolest things they can observe is the moon, whether at night or during the day. The moon is a great and simple way to introduce children to basic astronomy. You can talk about the stars, moon, sun, planets, etc. Use vocabulary words: crescent, phases, waxing, waning, celestial, constellation, and galaxy. Use phases of the moon to talk about math concepts such as quarter, half and full. Connect ideas about the moon by reading books, saying nursery rhymes or singing songs about the moon, stars and sky.



Click on the image of the moon to the left to see a Sesame Street video of Hey Diddle Diddle.

Click on the crescent moon to the right to see a Sesame Street video of the lullaby "I Don't Want to Live on the Moon".



### Children's literature:

- Goodnight Moon – Margaret Wise Brown
- Papa, Please Get the Moon for Me – Eric Carle
- Owl Moon – Jane Yolen
- A Big Mooncake for Little Star – Grace Lin

**Title: The Magnificent Moon**