

Have a Blast!

Purpose

The purpose of these activities is to celebrate space in an effort to inspire greater interest and further study of space.

Students will be able to

1. Research historical figures important in space exploration.
2. Develop space-themed ideas using creative arts.

Important Vocabulary

space

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Students create fliers announcing a space-themed party. Upon completion, students vote on the one to be used. (Note: Students planning school dances can adapt this idea by using the chosen design on the dance tickets.)

A Blast from the Past

Students research and create posters/displays about historical figures important in space exploration.

Your Space Bedecked

Students create space-themed decorations using arts and crafts materials, including things like wallpaper samples, recycled trash, fabric swatches, etc. (Note: This activity can be completed individually, or in small groups.)

Space Jam!

Students create space-themed menus. If possible, small groups work together to prepare some snacks for tasting.

Helpful Resources

Though many of the activities included on the following websites are for young children, they could be used by older ones—and even adapted to be more complex! There are a variety of ideas that can function as springboards for older students as well.

1. <http://scienceforfamilies.allinfo-about.com/subjects/astroproject.html>
2. <http://www.novaspace.com/>
3. <http://familycrafts.about.com/od/outerspace/>
4. <http://childfun.com/modules.php?name=News&file=article&sid=143>
5. <http://www.everythingpreschool.com/themes/space/art.htm>