

Camping

Star Gazing

Benchmark Skills:

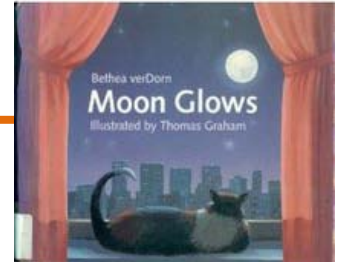
Strand 3.2 - Tells a story in sequence, following pictures in a book

Strand 5.6 - Uses words to communicate ideas and feelings

Read ***Moon Glows*** by Bethea verDorn

This is a calming illustration of city and country residents sleeping as the moon watches over them. This is a great introduction to constellations.

After reading, have children retell the story to the group, using the illustrations to guide them.



Activity

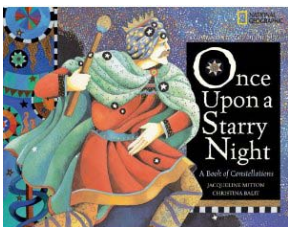
Homemade Binoculars

Make Toilet Paper Tube Binoculars for viewing constellations.

Simply glue or tape two toilet paper tubes together and decorate as desired.

Use to pick out certain stars or constellations while viewing (at night, of course).

Use star stickers on black or dark blue paper to create a picture of what you see. Don't forget to name your constellation.



Follow up with "Once Upon A Starry Night: A Book of Constellations" or "Zoo In The Sky: A Book of Animal Constellations" by Jacqueline Mitton.



