Description

In this planetarium field trip students will learn about the sun, moon and night time stars and participate in constellation stories.

**Adult chaperones recommended:** 1

### Content Standards

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<td>With modeling and support, recognize familiar elements of the natural environment and understand that these may change over time (e.g., soil, weather, sun and moon).</td>
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<td>The moon, sun and stars can be observed at different times of the day or night.</td>
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| Language/Literacy | Pre-K | • Demonstrate an understanding of the differences between fantasy and reality.  
• With modeling and support, describe what part of the story the illustration depicts.  
• With modeling and support, determine the meanings of unknown words/concepts using the context of conversations, pictures that accompany text or concrete objects. | Students explore the difference between fantasy and reality through the telling of constellation stories using the planetarium dome. |
Pre-Trip Activities

Vocabulary

- phase
- moon
- stars
- sun

Books


Other Activities

- Read a story that reinforces the movement of the sun and moon in a day.
- Make observations about the placement of the sun at the start of school and at the end of school.

Post-Trip Activities at School

Have students make sticker diagrams of the constellations they learned about. Recall elements from the stories in a discussion.

Extension Activities

- As a class, design and make a sun garden. The garden may contain rocks or other objects that reflect or react to sunlight, such as sundials, solar powered lights or chimes that require sunlight for movement.
- Have students draw a friend’s shadow in sidewalk chalk on the ground at two different times of day and discuss how the shadow changes with the change of position of the sun.