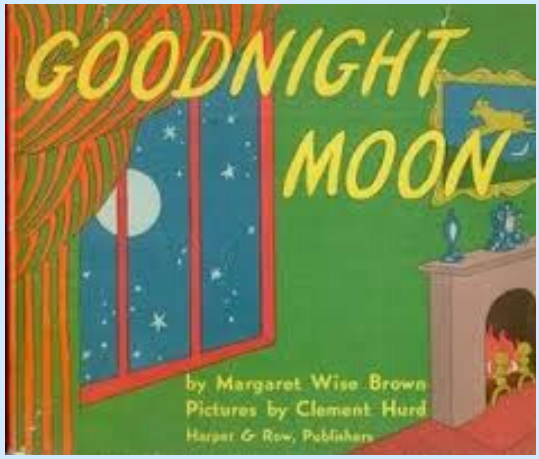

STORY OF THE DAY

GOODNIGHT MOON

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STORY EXTENSION IDEAS

- Moon Craters- All you need is some playdough and rocks. Roll out a circle of playdough. Have your child push the rocks into the playdough and lift them up - replicating impact craters on the moon's surface.
- Make a moon using aluminum foil. Cut a circle of aluminum foil and have your child crinkle it up into a ball and then carefully fold it out back into a circle shape. Glue it on a black sheet of paper and add some stars using chalk or star stickers if you have them.
- Make some Space Snacks
- Record nightly observations of the moon using a Moon Journal

IDEA OF THE DAY

BE AN ORBIT

This activity can very quickly dissolve into a giggle fest, but it is worth a try. Clean out space on your floor, no tripping hazards here. Pick a decently sized ball and place it in the middle of the room. This is your sun. Show your child how to be the Earth and walk in a circle around the sun.(Bonus points for spinning while you do it to represent how the Earth spins.) Now for the fun, but tough, part. Have your child run in small circles around the Earth. Yes, while you as the Earth walk slowly in a circle around the sun. This is usually where the giggles start.What you are showing is that the Earth orbits around the sun and the moon orbits around the Earth. It's a simple and fun way to demonstrate a basic idea with play.What you are teaching your children is that the Earth orbits around the sun and the moon orbits around the Earth. It's a simple and fun way to demonstrate a basic idea. (And if you have another child they can run through your solar system randomly pretending to be meteors.)