Moon Child by Nadia Krilanovich
WOW! Said the Owl by Tim Hopgood
Stars by Mary Lyn Ray and Marla Frazee
Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star by Jerry Pinkney
Touch the Brightest Star by Christie Matheson
The Stars Will Still Shine by Cynthia Rylant
Little Owl’s Night by Divya Srinivasan
Good Night World by Willa Perlman
Little Star A Look & See Book

Nursery Rhyme: Twinkle Twinkle Little Star

Songs & Fingerplays to Share

CD: “This Little Light of Mine” from Singin’ and Groovin’ by The Music For Little People Band

Little Owl
(tune: Jingle Bells)
Little owl, little owl
High up in the tree.
Little owl, little owl
Winks his eyes at me.
Hooting loud, hooting soft,
Hooting all night long.
I just love that little owl
And love his hooting song.

In The Sky
In the sky in daytime light
(stretch arms up)
We can see the sunshine bright
(keep arms up and make a circle with fingers)
We can see the clouds puffed white
(wave hands slowly)
Moving slowly in their flight.

Stars Are Twinkling
(tune: London Bridge)
Stars are twinkling in the sky,
In the sky, in the sky.
Stars are twinkling in the sky,
Way up high.
We can see them twinkling bright,
Twinkling bright, twinkling bright.
We can see them twinkling bright
All through the night.

Counting Stars
(optional: place star stickers on fingertips)
One little star came out tonight,
It twinkled and twinkled with all of its might.
Two little stars came out tonight,
They twinkled and twinkled with all of their might.
Continue with:
three, four & five little stars.
End with the children all holding up
their hands and wiggling them.
Thousands of stars came out tonight,
Twinkling, and twinkling a beautiful sight!

Your next visit will be: January _____
Next month’s theme will be: “Yes, No, Fast, Slow”

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More Books to Share:
Twinkle Twinkle Little Star I Know Exactly What You Are by Julia Kregenow
Owly & Wormy: Bright Lights and Starry Nights! by Andy Runton
Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star by Jane Cabrera
Stars! Stars! Stars! by Nancy Wallace
Older Than the Stars by Karen Fox
Waiting Is Not Easy by Mo Willems
You Are A Star! by Michael Parker
Our Stars by Anne Rockwell

Activity Ideas:
Special Star: Youngsters develop color-recognition skills with this cute idea!
Spread colorful star cutouts on the floor in the center of your circle time area.
Recite the rhyme shown and then invite a volunteer to find a corresponding star and
hold it in the air. After confirming that the color is correct, have her place the star
back on the floor. Continue with each remaining color.  themailbox.com

Owl Snack:
Materials:
 oval crackers
 pretzels, both sticks and mini twists
 candy corn
 yellow circles for the eyes (M&M’s, Reese’s Pieces, Kix Cereal or cheese)
Use an oval cracker for the owl’s body, a pretzel for the owl’s head, candy corn for the owl’s beak, yellow candy for the owl’s eyes, & pretzels for the owl’s talons.
http://kindernature.org/activity/make-an-owl-snack/

Road to Reading Tip:
As you choose gifts for the winter holidays, either for your own child or as a donation to a favorite charity, consider giving good books to snuggle up with. *Books are mirrors and windows for all kids—they not only allow them to see their own experiences validated, but expose them to experiences far beyond their homes, communities, and countries, helping them to grow into caring, empathetic citizens of the world.*  scholastic.com

Starry Night Art: Painting on foil is an easy process art idea for kids that’s perfect for the winter months. This activity is great for toddlers and preschoolers working on fine motor skills and color mixing. Cover a piece of cardboard with foil for each child. For this art technique, use Q-tips as paint brushes. Inspire your artists with a copy of Vincent van Gogh’s Starry Night painting to look at, then provide different shades of blue acrylic paint. Encourage the children to explore swirling the paint around the foil with the Q-tips, which gives the artwork a real winter feel.
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Book of the Month:
My Great Outdoors Book: The Kids’ Guide to Being Outside by Josie Jeffery
Whether its bug hunting in a city courtyard, counting stars, planting a neat little window box or building a cool woodland hideout, this brilliantly innovative activity book will open children’s eyes to an awesome outdoor playground. Packed with exciting stuff to do, make and discover, the activities are arranged in themed sections, from the garden, the woods, and the shore, through to rainy days, sunny days and night-time. This book is guaranteed to turn any stay-at-home kid (and their family) into an enthusiastic and accomplished outdoor adventurer! (Grand Central Pub)

Happy Holidays!