

Dear Family,

In my class today, we learned about the Moon and that the Moon changes how it looks in the sky from day to day.

Did You Know?

- From the Earth, we always see only one side of the Moon.
- The shape of the Moon changes.
- The Moon does not make any light by itself. The Moon reflects the Sun's light.
- The Moon travels around the Earth in a small circle called an "orbit."
- As the Moon orbits around the Earth, we see different parts of the sunlit half. These parts are known as the "phases" of the Moon.

Ask Your Child:

- How does the Moon look in the sky?
- Tell me about the difference between how the Moon looks on Day 1 compared with Day 5.
- Explain why the Moon changes.

Activities To Do With Your Child:

- On a calendar, find out the day of the month on which a full Moon is expected. With your child, continue to watch the Moon over the course of the month. Have your child draw pictures to document the changes in the shape of the Moon, and send the pictures to school to share with us.

Vocabulary To Use With Your Child:

- **moon** – an object that circles around a planet; the Earth has one Moon.
- **sky** – the air or space above the Earth.
- **change** – to become different.
- **journal** – a written record of daily events.
- **phase** – a particular stage of development, or a process.
- **orbit** – to move in a circle around.