

Space Station

Gather, lay out, and gradually add: (inside or outside)

A big box (from an appliance store)

computer key boards

Christmas lights

Foam or bubble wrap

Kaleidoscopes

Charts and maps

Flags of the countries

A Pretend Scenario to try:

- The last time the US visited the moon, one of the astronauts left their boots behind; we need four astronauts to go and retrieve them. Suit up!

Maintaining basics:

'Space food' (do moon pies and tang for snack one day; trail mix is good too)

Small dishes to eat on

Cleaning supplies for the station

- Dress-Up portion:

Helmets

Shiny costumes

Big boots

Power Ranger (or other super hero) outfits

What the children can create and add:

Paint the big box with cool colors, then add caps of all sizes (using a glue gun)

Mobile of planets, moons, stars, suns

Telescopes, kaleidoscopes (out of paper towel tubes)

Jet packs (out of 2 liter soda bottles & duck tape)

Green goop

Face Paint

Décor:

The children's artwork

Real space photos (National Geographic has the best!)

Space and Planet puzzles and books