

Facts About the Planets – Sites and Video Links

<http://www.scholastic.com/teachers/unit/solar-system-everything-you-need>

EXCELLENT site with interactive games and quizzes, informational videos for students and lesson plans, projects, and crafts for teacher. There are links to Scholastic News and articles, and many listings of books as resources. Articles can be printed, interactives may be done on an interactive whiteboard.

<http://www.scholastic.com/teachers/unit/solar-system-everything-you-need>

An extension of the Scholastic site with connections to the Magic School Bus books and online activities.

<http://kids.nationalgeographic.com/search-results/?q=SOLAR%2520SYSTEM>

An excellent source of facts, and great variety games to enhance learning such as memory games and facts about the planets.

http://www.kidsastronomy.com/solar_system.htm Site offers many animations for students to enhance learning and considerable amount of links to further studies.

<http://space-facts.com/planets/>

Site compiled by a technical person who has a passion for space and the planets. Mostly factual, many animated graphics to assist in understanding and photos by NASA. Comprehensive and facts able to be checked.

<http://earthsky.org/space/ten-things-you-may-not-know-about-the-solar-system>

Reputable authors, great facts, many of which are unusual, perfect for the adult or older student. The editor in chief of the site says, “You might know me from the award-winning, popular and effective radio series *EarthSky: A Clear Voice for Science*, which I founded in 1991 and which ultimately broadcast on thousands of radio stations in the U.S. and around the world.”

<http://theplanets.org/>

Site has many interesting components such as, what you would weigh on another planet, how old you would be, as well as many animations.

<http://www.jumpstart.com/parents/worksheets/solar-system-worksheets>

Worksheets and do-now activities, with many handouts that both parents and teachers can access.

http://www.kidsastronomy.com/solar_system.htm

Kidsastronomy.com,. (2015). *The Solar System - Astronomy For Kids - KidsAstronomy.com*.

<http://space-facts.com/planets/>

Space Facts,. (2015). *Planet Facts - Interesting Facts about the Planets*. <http://earthsky.org/space/ten-things-you-may-not-know-about-the-solar-system>

Earthsky.org,. (2015). *10 surprises about our solar system* | *EarthSky.org*.

<http://www.scholastic.com/teachers/unit/solar-system-everything-you-need>

Scholastic Teachers,. (2015). *Solar System: Everything You Need* | *Scholastic.com*

Great for teaching resources.

<http://www.jumpstart.com/parents/worksheets/solar-system-worksheets>

Jumpstart.com,. (2015). *Solar System Worksheets - Free Worksheets on Solar System - JumpStart*.

<http://theplanets.org/>ystem, S., Planets, D., Sun, T., Moon, T., Belt, A., & Belt, K. et al. (2015). The Planets: Interesting Facts about the Eight Planets. The Planets Planetsforkids.org,. (2015). *Planets For Kids - Solar System Facts and Astronomy*.

Not JUST Facts About the Planets – Sites and Video Links

7 Science Questions

Database Searched: Discovery Kids

<http://discoverykids.com/articles/7-science-questions/>

A Walk Through Time

The Evolution of Time Measurement through the Ages. A Walk Through Time Ancient Calendars Celestial bodies — the Sun, Moon, planets, and stars — have ... to determine seasons, months, and years. ... wherever we turn up records and artifacts, we usually discover ... scratched lines and gouged holes in

<http://www.eoearth.org/view/article/51cbf2727896bb431f6a95ce>

Database Searched: Encyclopedia of Earth

Ancient Solar System Promotes New Thinking About Alien Life (Huffington Post)

Scientists analyzing data from the Kepler space telescope have discovered a first: an Earth-size planet orbiting in the habitable zone of its parent star, researchers announced Thursday. 02-15

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2015/01/30/ancient-solar-system-kepler-444_n_6565228.html?utm_hp_ref=science

Database Searched: Awesome Library

Astronomers Capture First Images of New Planets (CNN News)

The first-ever pictures of planets outside our solar system were released today in two studies. .According to the the Extrasolar Planets Encyclopedia, there have been 322 planets found outside our solar system. The latest findings bring that total to 326. 11-08

URL: <http://www.cnn.com/2008/TECH/space/11/13/new.planets/index.html?iref=mpstoryview>

Database Searched: Awesome Library

Astronomy - Making Scale Models of the Solar System

Many students have trouble visualizing the size of the solar system compared to the sizes of the individual planets. We use these demonstrations at the Lunar and Planetary Institute with fifth-grade students in our science enrichment class on 'Exploring the Solar System.' However, the demonstrations can also be adapted for use in other grade levels. 10-09

URL: http://www.lpi.usra.edu/education/resources/s_system/s_system.shtml

Database Searched: Awesome Library

Discovery Spaceopedia

URL: <http://discoverykids.com/books/discovery-spaceopedia/>

Database Searched: Discovery Kids

Do Aliens Really Exist?

URL: <http://discoverykids.com/articles/do-aliens-really-exist/>

Database Searched: Discovery Kids

Earthsky.org. (2015). *10 surprises about our solar system* / *EarthSky.org*. Retrieved 23 November 2015, from <http://earthsky.org/space/ten-things-you-may-not-know-about-the-solar-system>

Epic Solar System Tour – Discovery Space

URL: <http://discoverykids.com/videos/epic-solar-system-tour-discovery-space/>

Database Searched: Discovery Kids

Hangman - Planets and Moons of the Solar System (Games) Planets and Moons of the Solar System

Hangman games for spelling and memorization practice.

URL: <http://www.factmonster.com/games/hangman/planets-moons-solar-system.html>

Database Searched: Fact Monster

How was Mars formed?

URL: <http://discoverykids.com/articles/how-was-mars-formed/> Great for the student wanting extra facts.

Database Searched: Discovery Kids

Jumpstart.com. (2015). *Solar System Worksheets - Free Worksheets on Solar System – JumpStart*.

<http://www.jumpstart.com/parents/worksheets/solar-system-worksheets>

Kidsastronomy.com. (2015). *The Solar System - Astronomy For Kids - KidsAstronomy.com*.

http://www.kidsastronomy.com/solar_system.htm

Major Planets of the Solar System Planet Distance from the sun Period of revolution

URL: <http://www.factmonster.com/ce6/sci/A0831284.html>

Database Searched: Fact Monster

Moons: A Planet's Overlooked Exotic Neighbor Discovery Space

URL: <http://discoverykids.com/videos/moons-a-planets-overlooked-exotic-neighbor-discovery-space/>

Database Searched: Discovery Kids

Photojournal: NASA's Image Access Home Page

URL: <http://photojournal.jpl.nasa.gov/>

Database Searched: NASA – Great pictures from NASA's cameras

Kidsastronomy.com. (2015). *The Solar System - Astronomy For Kids - KidsAstronomy.com*.

http://www.kidsastronomy.com/solar_system.htm Very understandable for 4th grade and below.

Solar System 101

How was our solar system born? Join scientists as they embark on a journey into the mesmerizing mysteries of space. Hear their expert theories, then decide for yourself.

URL: <http://video.nationalgeographic.com/video/101-videos/solar-system-sci?source=relatedvideo>

Database Searched: National Geographic

Solar System Montage Picture, Solar System Photos ...

See a solar system montage photo from National Geographic.

URL: <http://science.nationalgeographic.com/science/photos/solar-system-gallery/>

Database Searched: National Geographic

Solar system - NASA

URL: http://imagine.gsfc.nasa.gov/features/cosmic/solar_system_info.html

Database Searched: NASA

Solar System :: NASA Space Place

URL: <http://science.nasa.gov/kids/kids-solar-system/>

Database Searched: NASA

Space Facts,. (2015). *Planet Facts - Interesting Facts about the Planets.* <http://space-facts.com/planets/>

StarChild: The Solar System

URL: http://starchild.gsfc.nasa.gov/docs/StarChild/solar_system_level1/solar_system.html

Database Searched: NASA

Sun

The Sun is the ultimate source of energy for life on Earth, and it sustains nearly all aspects of human existence. The Sun is an ... the seasons, weather and climate, and currents in the ... in art, literature, religion, and in the evolution of culture ... source of electricity and heat for ... that most

URL: <http://www.eoearth.org/view/article/51cbeef97896bb431f69b925>

Database Searched: Encyclopedia of Earth

Voyager Exploring the Solar System

What started out as a mission to explore the planets of Jupiter and Saturn has evolved into an adventure to the region beyond our sun's realm. Join a team of interstellar researchers.

URL: <http://video.nationalgeographic.com/video/voyager-sci?source=relatedvideo>

Database Searched: National Geographic

When Planets Collide! Discovery Space

URL: <http://discoverykids.com/videos/when-planets-collide-discovery-space/>

Database Searched: Discovery Kids

Wonders of the Solar System: The Solar System

13 billion kilometers away from Earth, the Sun is truly just another star. Find out where the Sun lands in relation to other members of the solar.. system., , Wonders of the Solar System: The Solar System...

URL: <http://videos.howstuffworks.com/science-channel/41315-wonders-of-the-solar-system-the-solar-system-video.htm>

Database Searched: HowStuffWorks

Resources for Teachers:

All of the above provide great teacher resources, but the following are links to access to support your knowledge of the solar system:

<http://education.nationalgeographic.com/activity/extreme-weather-on-other-planets/>

Has helpful handouts as follow-up comprehension activities

<http://education.nationalgeographic.com/activity/the-reason-for-the-seasons/>

The "related materials" section on the lower right side offers many relevant connections to extension videos and activities.

Books Available At PS 12

Call Number Books

- 550 OLD Oldershaw, Cally. Atlas of geology and landforms. New York : Franklin Watts, [2001].
Provides an introduction to the study of geology; explains how Earth fits into the solar system; discusses how activity within the planet creates movement on the surface, such as occurs with earthquakes and volcanoes; considers the impact of weather cycles on Earth; and looks at how human activities affect the planet.
- 525 B Birch, Robin. Earth. Philadelphia : Chelsea Clubhouse, 2004.
Discovering Earth -- The third planet -- On Earth -- Water -- Earth's moon -- Exploring Earth -- Earth fact summary. Provides information about Earth, discussing its location in the solar system, its movements, size and structure, crust, atmosphere, water, and other features of the planet.
- 525 G Goldstein, Margaret J. Earth. Minneapolis, MN : Lerner Publications, c2003.
An introduction to the planet Earth, discussing its place in the solar system, movement in space, interior, surface features, atmosphere, weather, inhabitants, and moon.
- 523.45 B Birch, Robin. Jupiter. Philadelphia : Chelsea Clubhouse, 2004.
Discovering Jupiter -- The fifth planet -- On Jupiter -- Moons and rings -- Exploring Jupiter -- Jupiter fact summary. Provides information about Jupiter, discussing its location in the solar system, its movements, size and structure, clouds, moons and rings, and other features of the planet.
- 523.45 G Goldstein, Margaret J. Jupiter. Minneapolis : Lerner Publications, c2003.
An introduction to Jupiter, describing its place in the solar system, its physical characteristics, its movement in space, and other facts about this planet.
- 523.45 JUP Jupiter, Ceres, and the asteroids. 2nd ed. Chicago : World Book, 2007.
"Introduction to Jupiter, Ceres, and the Asteroids, providing to primary and intermediate grade students information on their features and exploration. Includes fun facts, glossary, resource list and index"--Provided by publisher.
- 576.8 D Donald, Rhonda Lucas, 1962-. Life on other planets. New York : Franklin Watts, c2003.
Is anybody out there? -- Extreme living -- Looking for "neighbors" -- Beyond our solar system -- Little green men?. A comprehensive look at the question of whether there is life on other planets, from the imaginative visions of fantasy novels and science fiction movies to the facts revealed by today's cutting-edge technology.
- 523.3 Col Cole, Joanna. The magic school bus lost in the solar system. New York : Scholastic, c1990.
On a special field trip in the magic school bus, Ms. Frizzle's class goes into outer space and visits each planet in the solar system.
- 520 M The magic school bus space adventures. Standard format. Burbank, CA : Warner Home Video, 2003, c1994-1995.
Voices: Lily Tomlin, Malcolm-Jamal Warner. Ms. Frizzle and her class board The Magic School Bus for field trips to outer space to study the solar system, space rocks, and flight.

- 523.43 MAR Mars. 2nd ed. Chicago : World Book, c2007.
"Introduction to Mars, providing to primary and intermediate grade students information on its features and exploration. Includes fun facts, glossary, resource list and index"--Provided by publisher.
- 523.43 B Birch, Robin. Mars. Philadelphia : Chelsea Clubhouse, 2004.
Discovering Mars -- The fourth planet -- On Mars -- Water on Mars -- Moons -- Exploring Mars -- Mars fact summary. Provides information about Mars, discussing its location in the solar system, its movements, size and structure, atmosphere, moons, and other features, and considering the possibility of water and life on the planet.
- 523.41 B Birch, Robin. Mercury. Philadelphia : Chelsea Clubhouse, 2004.
Discovering Mercury -- The first planet -- On Mercury -- Surface features -- Exploring Mercury -- Mercury fact summary. Provides information about Mercury, discussing its location in the solar system, its movements, size and structure, atmosphere, surface, and other features of the planet.
- 523.41 G Goldstein, Margaret J. Mercury. Minneapolis : Lerner Publications, c2003.
An introduction to Mercury, describing its place in the solar system, its physical characteristics, its movement in space, and other facts about this planet.

- 523.41 MER Mercury and Venus. 2nd ed. Chicago : World Book, c2007.
Where is Mercury? -- How big is Mercury? -- What does Mercury look like? -- What makes up Mercury? -- What is Mercury's atmosphere like? -- What is the weather on Mercury? -- How does Mercury compare with Earth? -- What are the orbit and rotation of Mercury like? -- What is the surface of Mercury like? -- How did Mercury get its name? -- Where is Mercury in the night sky? -- What space missions have visited Mercury? -- Could there be life on Mercury?. "Introduction to Mercury and Venus, providing to primary and intermediate grade students information on their features and exploration. Includes fun facts, glossary, resource list and index"--Provided by publisher.
- 523.48 B Birch, Robin. Neptune. Philadelphia : Chelsea Clubhouse, 2004.
Discovering Neptune -- The eighth planet -- On Neptune -- Rings and moons -- Exploring Neptune -- Neptune fact summary. Provides information about Neptune, discussing its location in the solar system, its movements, size and structure, atmosphere, rings and moons, and other features of the planet.
- 523.48 W Waxman, Laura Hamilton. Neptune. Minneapolis : Lerner, c2003.
An introduction to Neptune, describing its place in the solar system, its physical characteristics, its movement in space, and other facts about this outer planet.
- 523.48 NEP Neptune and the distant dwarf planets. 2nd ed. Chicago : World Book, c2007.
Where is Neptune? -- How big is Neptune? -- What does Neptune look like? -- What makes up Neptune? -- What is Neptune's atmosphere like? -- What is the weather on Neptune? -- How does Neptune compare with earth? -- What are the orbit and rotation of Neptune like? -- What makes up Neptune's rings? -- How many moons does Neptune have? -- What is unusual about Neptune's moon Triton? -- How did Neptune get its name? -- What space missions have visited Neptune? -- Could there be life on Neptune or its moons? -- Distant dwarf planets -- What are the distant dwarf planets? -- Where are the distant dwarf planets? -- What makes up the distant dwarf planets? -- How big are the distant dwarf planets? -- What does Pluto look like? -- What are the orbit and rotation of Pluto like? -- How many moons does Pluto have? -- Who discovered Pluto? -- Is there a space mission planned to visit Pluto? -- What does Xena look like? -- What are the orbit and rotation of Xena like? -- How many moons does Xena have? -- Who discovered Xena? -- Could there be other dwarf planets out there? -- Fun facts about Neptune and the distant dwarf planets. "Introduction to Neptune and the distant dwarf planets, providing to primary and intermediate grade students information on their features and exploration. Includes fun facts, glossary, resource list and index"--Provided by publisher.
- 523.4 S Simon, Seymour. Planets around the sun. New York : SeaStar Books, c2002.
A simple introduction to the nine planets of our solar system.
- Prior. Planets Thematic Unit. Huntington Beach, CA : Teacher Created Materials, 2001.
Planets Thematic Unit is based on the following pieces of literature: Louis in the Night Sky and Postcards from Pluto: A Tour of the Solar System. This reproducible resource is filled with ready-to-use lessons and cross-curricular activities. Also included are management ideas, creative suggestions for the classroom, and a bibliography.

- 523.48 B Birch, Robin. Pluto. Philadelphia : Chelsea Clubhouse, 2004.
Discovering Pluto -- The ninth planet -- On Pluto -- Pluto's moon -- Exploring Pluto -- Pluto fact summary. Provides information about Pluto, discussing its location in the solar system, its movements, size and structure, atmosphere, moons, and other features of the planet.
- 523.48 G Goldstein, Margaret J. Pluto. Minneapolis : Lerner Publications, c2003.
An introduction to Pluto, describing its place in the solar system, its physical characteristics, its movement in space, and other facts about this outer planet.
- 523.46 B Birch, Robin. Saturn. Philadelphia : Chelsea Clubhouse, 2004.
Discovering Saturn -- The sixth planet -- On Saturn -- Rings and moons -- Exploring Saturn -- Saturn fact summary. Provides information about Saturn, discussing its location in the solar system, its movements, size and structure, clouds, rings and moons, and other features of the planet.
- 523.46 G Goldstein, Margaret J. Saturn. Minneapolis, MN : Lerner Publications, c2003.
An introduction to Saturn, describing its place in the solar system, its physical characteristics, its movement in space, and other facts about this planet.
- 523.46 SAT Saturn and Uranus. 2nd ed. Chicago : World Book, c2007.
Where is Saturn? -- How big is Saturn? -- What does Saturn look like? -- What makes up Saturn? -- What is Saturn's atmosphere like? -- What is the weather on Saturn? -- How does Saturn compare with earth? -- What are the orbit and rotation of Saturn like? -- What makes up Saturn's rings? -- When do Saturn's rings "disappear"? -- How many moons does Saturn have? -- What is special about Saturn's moon Titan? -- How did Saturn get its name? -- What space missions have visited Saturn? -- Could there be life on Saturn or Titan? -- Where is Uranus? -- How big is Uranus? -- What does Uranus look like? -- What makes up Uranus? -- What is Uranus's atmosphere like? -- What is the weather on Uranus? -- How does Uranus compare with earth? -- What are the orbit and rotation of Uranus like? -- What are Uranus's rings like? -- How many moons does Uranus have? -- How did Uranus get its name? -- What space missions have visited Uranus? "--Provided by publisher.
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- 523.2 G Goldstein, Margaret J. The sun. Minneapolis : Lerner Publications, c2003.
An introduction to the sun and the planets that make up the solar system.
- 523.47 B Birch, Robin. Uranus. Philadelphia : Chelsea Clubhouse, 2004.
Discovering Uranus -- The seventh planet -- On Uranus -- Rings and moons -- Exploring Uranus -- Uranus facts summary. Provides information about Uranus, discussing its location in the solar system, its movements, size and structure, clouds, moons, and other features of the planet.
- 523.47 G Goldstein, Margaret J. Uranus. Minneapolis : Lerner Publications, c2003.
An introduction to Uranus, describing its place in the solar system, its physical characteristics, its movement in space, and other facts about this planet.

- 523.42 B Birch, Robin. Venus. Philadelphia : Chelsea Clubhouse, 2004.
Discovering Venus -- The second planet -- On Venus -- Surface features -- Exploring Venus -- Venus fact summary. Provides information about Venus, discussing its location in the solar system, its movements, size and structure, atmosphere, surface, and other features of the planet.
- 523.42 G Goldstein, Margaret J. Venus. Minneapolis : Lerner Publications, c2003.
An introduction to Venus, describing its place in the solar system, its physical characteristics, its movement in space, and other facts about this planet.

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