


From the desk of Ms. Gray		Week of Mar. 10, 2014
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Our class will read	Journey to the Moon	Expository Text
Unit 4 Lesson 4		https://www.sraimagineit.com/g_login.html

Our class will read "Journey to the Moon," a selection about the first men to walk on the moon, Americans Neil Armstrong and Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin. Their famous mission, Apollo 11, took place in July 1969.

After your child has finished reading the selection, you may want to do the following activities together.

Ask your child what he or she learned about the moon from this selection.

What did the astronauts find on the moon? What did they do there? Why did they seem to hop rather than walk? Why did they have to wear space suits? Why did they need to use wires to hold up the American flag they planted on the moon?

Selection Vocabulary

Your child will be studying the following vocabulary words in the upcoming weeks. Please review the meanings of these words with your child

astronaut	-a person who is trained to pilot, or be a part of the crew of a spacecraft;
commander	-the captain leading a ship or voyage;
gigantic	-very big;
gravity	-the force pulling things toward the center of a body in space, such as Earth or the moon
orbit	-to circle around a heavenly body, such as Earth or the moon;
pressure	-weight of one thing pushing against another.

Spelling Words

Your child will be studying the following spelling words in the upcoming weeks. Please review the spellings of these words with your child:

grateful	mission	report	autograph
astronaut	dialogue	import	marine
photograph	mariner	dismiss	gratitude
astronomy	apology	telescope	