

Moon Journal

We will be observing the moon for 4 weeks beginning tonight!

In your Moon Journal, in your Science Notebook, you will make observations about the moon every night possible for 4 weeks. Here are the instructions to help you make your observations as useful and meaningful as possible:

1. Record the date and time of each observation. Record where in the sky you see the moon.
2. Draw the moon as you see it : What does the moon look like? What shape is it? Where is it in the night sky? Add color and shading to your drawing - looking carefully at the night sky will guide you in choosing the right art materials to use: watercolors, chalk, crayons, colored pencils, etc. Is the sky dark or is it filled with moonlight? Do you see any stars or planets? Is the sky clear, or is it a foggy, rainy, or cloudy night? In addition to the moon, draw anything else you see in the sky. Add labels or words of explanation to your drawings if you feel they would be useful.
3. Pay attention to other nighttime wonders. What do you hear? Birds? Cars or airplanes? Raindrops or wind? Do you smell trees or the smoky scent of a fire? Make notes about what you notice.
4. Just as important as your observations are the questions that come to mind as a result of your work. Be sure to record things that you want to know. Your questions will help us learn about the moon, the night sky, and - who knows what else? Your journal is a place for discoveries, a place to watch and wait for surprises. Look up at the sky, focus your eyes on the moon, and let your journal begin!