

Massachusetts
Elementary School

Starry Night Lesson Plans	
Grades K-2	Grades 3-4
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Recognize that the Sun supplies heat and light to the Earth and is necessary for life.	1, 3
Identify some events around us that have repeating patterns, including the seasons of the year, day and night.	1, 3, 4
Grades 3-5	
Recognize that the Earth is part of a system called the “solar system” that includes the Sun (a star), planets, and many moons. The Earth is the third planet from the Sun in our solar system.	2
Recognize that the Earth revolves around (orbits) the Sun in a year’s time and that the Earth rotates on its axis once approximately every 24 hours. Make connections between the rotation of the Earth and day/night, and the apparent movement of the Sun, Moon, and stars across the sky.	1, 3, 4
Describe the changes that occur in the observable shape of the Moon over the course of a month.	4