








Mira is a red giant star near the end of its life. It is moving so fast it leaves a trail of gas and dust 13 light-years long! The Galaxy Evolution Explorer spacecraft made this image in ultraviolet light. What else does this Explorer see? Go to spaceplace.nasa.gov/en/kids/galex/art2.shtml.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Ultraviolet Awareness Month. Huh? No, it's not just for getting sun-burned. Find out what this invisible kind of light is really good for.					FIRST QUARTER  1	Astronomy Day. 2 Decorate your room with colorful pictures of stars and galaxies from our poster download page.
3	4	National Teacher's Day. 5 Check out the interesting classroom activity articles and images on the teacher's page of The Space Place.	6	7	FULL MOON  8	9
Mother's Day. 10 Make Mom a Galactic Mobile. She will love how its sparkling spiral galaxies turn in the breeze.	11	12	13	14	15	National Chocolate Chip Day. Although not as tasty, a chocolate chip-sized spacecraft chip can do a lot more!
LAST QUARTER  Pack Rat Day. 17 You may be a pack rat on Earth, but you'd have to change your ways if you took a trip to Mars!	18	19	20	21	22	23
	Volcano Mt. St. Helens blew its top this day in 1980. See the strange remains as viewed from space.		Weights and Measures Day. How do you weigh and measure the water in a cloud?			Bifocals invented, 1785, by Ben Franklin. Do you know why two eyes are better than one?
NEW MOON  24	Pres. Kennedy announced in 1961 that the U.S. would land a person on the Moon by the end of the decade. We did it! See pictures.	26	27	28	29	FIRST QUARTER  Krypton discovered, 1898. Superman may be allergic to it, but not Super Space Place Girl. See her in action.
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 May 2: spaceplace.nasa.gov/en/educators/posters/#stars
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 May 10: spaceplace.nasa.gov/en/kids/galex_make1.shtml
 May 15: spaceplace.nasa.gov/en/kids/x2000.shtml

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 May 20: spaceplace.nasa.gov/en/educators/teachers_page2.shtml#cloudcontent
 May 23: spaceplace.nasa.gov/en/kids/urbie_action.shtml
 May 25: spaceplace.nasa.gov/en/educators/teachers_moon_images.shtml
 May 30: spaceplace.nasa.gov/en/kids/dsn_fact1.shtml