



The Mars rovers know which rocks are worth studying. The rovers have “Autonomous Exploration for Gathering Increased Science” software, proven on New Millennium Program’s Space Technology 6 project. What is NASA seeking on Mars? (spaceplace.nasa.gov/en/kids/mars_rocket4.shtml)

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	FIRST QUARTER 2 Groundhog Day. The groundhog should consult the GOES satellites, not his shadow!	3	4	5	6	7 Stardust spacecraft launched this day in 1999. See how it captured comet samples and brought them home.
8 Boy Scouts founded this day in 1910. See how The Space Place can help Cubs with achievements and electives.	FULL MOON 9 Random Acts of Kindness Week. It would be kind to print Space Place coloring pages for a younger friend.	10	11	12	13	14 Valentine's Day
15 Birthday in 1564 of Galileo Galilei, discoverer of Jupiter's four largest moons. See what they look like and how they compare in size to our Moon.	16 LAST QUARTER Presidents' Day	17	18 Pluto discovered in 1930. We're on our way at last! Read about Pluto and the New Horizons mission.	19 Nicolaus Copernicus born in 1473. He thought the center of the Universe was near the Sun. Wrong! But where is it?	20	21 Introduce a Girl to Engineering Day. Show her the amazing stuff on our Space Technology page.
22 Thinking Day. Give your brain a workout and go Vec—>Touring today!	23	24 NEW MOON 	25 Quiet Day. Even the most violent events in space make no sound—unless it is the Black Hole Game on the Space Place.	26	27	28
1	2	3	4	5	6	Plant the Seeds of Greatness Month. Watch Space Place Live! interviews to find out how!

Month of February: spaceplace.nasa.gov/en/kids/live
 Feb. 2: spaceplace.nasa.gov/en/kids/goes/goes_poes_orbits.shtml
 Feb. 5: spaceplace.nasa.gov/en/kids/goes/wwa
 Feb. 7: spaceplace.nasa.gov/en/kids/stardust/aerogel.shtml
 Feb. 8: spaceplace.nasa.gov/en/kids/cubscouts
 Feb. 9: spaceplace.nasa.gov/en/kids/coloring_book

Feb. 15: spaceplace.nasa.gov/en/kids/sse_flipflop.shtml
 Feb. 18: spaceplace.nasa.gov/en/kids/pluto
 Feb. 19: spaceplace.nasa.gov/en/kids/phonedrmarc/2003_june.shtml
 Feb. 21: spaceplace.nasa.gov/en/kids/cs_space_tech.shtml
 Feb. 22: spaceplace.nasa.gov/en/kids/st7/vectouring
 Feb. 25: spaceplace.nasa.gov/en/kids/blackhole