



## Our Solar System Recommended Vocabulary for Explicit Discussion

Some vocabulary is learned implicitly by repeated exposure through reading books on a related topic. However, it is also beneficial to explicitly discuss and teach a few words from each read-aloud.

Utilize these key terms chosen from this read-aloud collection in conversation and activities to build vocabulary and reinforce concepts.

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| astronauts   | gigantic      | phases      |
| astronomers  | half moon     | planets     |
| axis         | hemisphere    | Pluto       |
| Big Dipper   | immense       | revolve     |
| compass      | lifeless      | rocket ship |
| continent    | Little Dipper | rotate      |
| craters      | Milky Way     | seasons     |
| courage      | moon          | tilt        |
| crescent     | new moon      | universe    |
| cycle        | North Star    | weightless  |
| direction    | observatory   | wide        |
| dwarf planet | orbits        | year        |
| farthest     | outer space   |             |
| galaxy       | path          |             |