

Space Station Celebration

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This activity helps students acknowledge their growth while having fun together one last time as a crew of space explorers.



Learning Intentions

I can celebrate everything I've learned and achieved as an astronaut:

This reinforces reflection and self-recognition.

I can play and have fun with others to finish our journey together:

This builds connection and joyful closure.

I can talk about my favourite planet or life skill we explored:

This deepens understanding and emotional expression.



Success Criteria

I can name at least one life skill I learned on my space journey:

This shows recall and reflection.

I can participate in our class celebration with excitement and pride:

This promotes social confidence and class unity.

I can share something I enjoyed about being an astronaut:

This builds communication and positive identity.



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Objective:

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Players:

Whole class

Materials:

- Streamers, balloons, or recycled materials to create a “space station” or rocket
- Music player or speaker
- Optional: space helmets, stars, or tinsel for fun decorations

Time Required:

15–20 minutes

Setup:

Start by reading *The Playful Astronauts* from start to finish as a class. Pause after each planet to ask:

- “What life skill did we learn here?”
- “Can you remember the activity we played?”

Reflect on all nine life skills:

1. Kindness – Earth
2. Conflict – Mercury
3. Vulnerability – Venus
4. Play – Mars
5. Confidence – Jupiter
6. Gratitude – Saturn
7. Resilience – Uranus
8. Empathy – Neptune
9. Adaptability – Pluto

Gameplay:

Step 1 – Transform the Space:

Work together to decorate a part of the room like a space station, using chairs, boxes, or blankets to make a pretend rocket. Hang up drawings from past weeks or create a giant “Galactic Achievement Banner.”

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Step 2 – Rocket Launch or Dance Party:

Choose a celebration style:

- Countdown from 10 and “blast off” into a dance party
- Take turns pretending to pilot a rocket into their favourite planet
- Create a movement circle where each student shows a special dance or pose representing their favourite life skill (e.g. “Kindness Hop,” “Gratitude Spin”)

Step 3 – Share and Reflect:

After dancing or role-playing, gather in a circle and ask:

- “What was your favourite part of our space journey?”
- “Which life skill helped you the most?”
- “What will you remember from being a Playful Astronaut?”

Step 4 - Astronaut Graduation!

- You can provide each Astronaut (student) with a graduation certificate from Space School or Astronaut School. List the life skills they have developed throughout their space school journey.

Winning the Game:

Everyone wins by showing up, sharing joy, and proudly celebrating their growth. The true reward is the journey, and how each student brought their unique sparkle to it.

Additional Notes:

Space Station Celebration is the perfect conclusion to a magical, meaningful journey through play and planetary life lessons. It reinforces the value of joy, community, and reflection while launching students into their next adventure with confidence and a full heart.

