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One of the true wonders of summer is the gorgeous night sky! Plus, few play themes get kids' imaginations going more than space play. This week, we'll use a variety of sensory-stimulating, natural materials to turn ordinary cloth into a beautiful night sky of our very own!

Video Read Aloud
My Rainy Day Rocketship
by Markette Sheppard and Charly Palmer

Featured Creature
Firefly

- Dark cloth (towel, sheet, fabric)
- Water
- Bowl
- Any of the following: Flour, cornstarch, sidewalk chalk, white shaving cream



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We kick off our final "Let's Go Camping!" unit with pretend play inspired by one of the most important parts of camping—building a fire! As we play, we'll also learn the basics of fire safety, helping kids learn to manage the risks as they enjoy all that campfires offer.

Video Read Aloud
The Camping Trip
by Jennifer K. Mann

Featured Creature
Giant Sequoia

- 10 small sticks
- String or yarn (~6 feet)
- Optional: red cloth or paper
- Optional: forest putty



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What is camping without food to give us energy and enjoy our time together? This week, we'll return to our mud kitchens or just whip up nature treats to roast over our pretend fires and enjoy cooking in our imaginary camp sites together.

Video Read Aloud
Bee-Bim Bop
by Linda Sue Park

Featured Creature
Skunk

- Various kitchen items (muffin tin, cake pan, spoons, cookie cutters)
- Dirt and water or forest putty
- A pinch of spice
- Nature treasures*



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In our final week of Camp Tinkergarten, we celebrate all that we have learned together, earn our Communication badges and prepare for a Tinkergarten-wide Camp Out. Whether in your living room, the back yard or deep in the woods, we can all enjoy this sweet end to a super season!

Video Read Aloud
Ruby's Sleepover
by Kathryn White

Featured Creature
Explorers

- Bed sheet or blanket (or tent!)
- Chair, table or bench
- Flashlight or pretend flashlight (i.e. cardboard tube)

Need Materials?

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