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Wee Wednesday: The Moon

Book: *Big Mooncake for Little Star* by Grace Lin

Art: [Viewing the Moon under a Pine Tree, Chinese](#)

[Apollo 11 Moon Landing](#) by Neil Armstrong

To learn more about the photographs of the Apollo 11 moon landing and see additional images, visit [Picturing the Apollo 11 Moon Landing](#).

Salt Paintings

Materials

- Thick paper
- Watercolor paints, either store-bought or homemade (see instructions)
- Paint brush or sponge
- Cups of water
- Salt
- Scissors (optional)



Instructions

- Imagine the kind of moon you wish to create for your painting. What shape, size, and color is your moon? If you'd like, cut your paper into the shape of a moon.
- Use your watercolor paints to add color to your moon. Work quickly and make sure that your paper is quite wet. Once you have finished adding color, sprinkle salt over your painting. Let it dry for at least 30 minutes. Once it is dry, shake the salt off to reveal new designs and colors on your moon's surface.
- To make homemade watercolor paints, add a few drops of food coloring to a small cup of water and mix. Markers that are dried up can also be recycled into watercolor paints by soaking them in a cup of water for several hours. Soak one color of marker per cup of water. Remove the markers from the cup and use the colored water to paint.

Additional Book Suggestions

These titles may be available at your local library.

City Moon written by Rachael Cole and illustrated by Bianca Gómez

Max and the Tag-Along Moon by Floyd Cooper