

## Shared Reading...in Space!

*Shared reading is about building connections between two or more people through the written word. Reading lets you explore new worlds and adventures; and today, we'll be coming together to take shared reading to SPACE! We are excited to be blasting off into the 2020-21 school year with our partners at Blue Origin, a private spaceflight company. You'll have the opportunity to send a postcard to space and take shared reading to new heights (literally)!*

### **THEME: Why does the Earth need space?**

Do we need space for exploration? Is it somewhere new for humans to live in the future? Does earth need space to help the environment? And what about aliens? Or is space just something beautiful to look up to and dream about?

To get started, read one (or more) of these poems together:

[The Moon Speaks!](#)

[I Want to Be an Astronaut](#)

[Planet Roll Call](#)

[Would They Notice Me?](#)

### **SEND A POSTCARD TO SPACE**

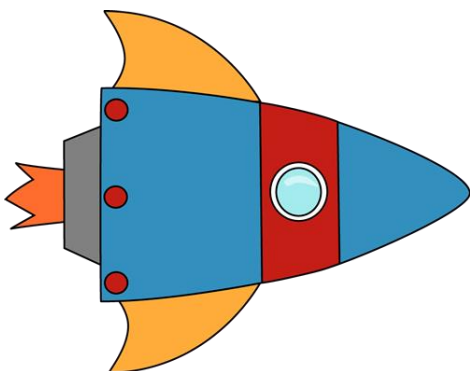
Now that you've been thinking about why the Earth needs space, students have the chance to use this prompt and create a postcard that will be **flown in space!** That's right—if you follow these directions, your postcard will be sent up on a rocket ship! Details and examples can be [found here](#).



#### HERE IS YOUR MISSION:

1. Use [this template](#) or an index card/a sheet of paper (or anything that can be mailed) to make your postcard.
  - o No matter what you use, one side needs to have a place for your mailing address (name, street & unit number [if applicable], city, state, and country) and a space for a stamp.
2. On one side, draw or write your vision. *"The Earth Needs Space Because..."* Be as colorful and creative as you would like!
3. On the other side, write your name and mailing address and add a stamp so the postcard can be returned to you after its trip into space.
4. Send your postcard to Everybody Wins DC **by November 30<sup>th</sup>** to be mailed to outer space! You have two options:
  - o Email an image of your postcard (front and back) to [programs@everybodywinsdc.org](mailto:programs@everybodywinsdc.org)
  - o Put the postcard in an envelope and mail it to:  
Everybody Wins DC  
1420 New York Ave. NW, Suite 650  
Washington DC 20005

After your postcard returns from its trip to space, it will be stamped "Flown to Space" and mailed back to you!



### **Extra Shared Reading Enrichment Activities:** Are you enjoying this topic?

Awesome! Here are some other activities that you can do together:

- [Story Time From Space](#): watch videos of astronauts reading space-themed books while in space.
- Write an [acrostic poem](#) about one of the planets or the moon.
- [Check out the NASA Kids' Club](#) for more fun learning activities.