Star Viewing
A Take-Home Activity

On a dark night you and your child can view the sky and identify constellations

What You Need:
- Clear, dark viewing sky
- Sky chart for your location
  (http://skytonight.com/observing/skychart/3308911.html)
- Binoculars or a telescope
- Mosquito repellent
- Flashlight
- Snacks

What to Do:
Head outside on a clear night and see if you can identify some of the constellations you learned!

Parent Prompts:
Can the children find Polaris?

Draco the dragon?

Lyra, the lyre?

Pegasus, the winged horse?

Orion, the great hunter?

What about other constellations?

A sky chart for your local area will display a night sky view, as observed with the unaided eye. Sky and Telescope offers an overview of viewing highlights (http://skytonight.com/observing/ataglance) and an interactive Sky Chart (http://skytonight.com/observing/skychart/3308911.html) that can be generated and printed easily using a local zip code.

Adapted from: http://www.lpi.usra.edu/education/skytellers/stars/activities/viewing.shtml