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Construction Zone:
Design your own structures and learn about some amazing man-made and creature made structures in our world. Learning Strands: properties of matter, attributes and functions, problem solving, cause and effect, adaptations.

We Like to Move It!
Investigate Energy, Force and Motion. Does it slide, roll or stay put? Use ramps to explore concepts of movement and how movement can be changed. Learning Strands: properties of matter, how speed and direction can be varied, making observations and predictions, experimenting with cause and effect.

Astronomy Adventures:
Introducing astronomy to preschoolers, these classes can be added to an in house planetarium program, our Outreach STARLAB Traveling Planetarium, or done independently. Learning strands: Making observations and predictions, investigating cause and effect, change over time, and the use of technology to help us understand the world around us, using evidence to make connections.

Moon’s Mysteries:
Learn all about the moon, why it seems to change and what we know about this mysterious thing we see in the sky.

Starry Safari STARLAB:
A special tour of creature constellations from around the world. Hear the amazing tales people told about how those animals got placed up in the night sky. Bring a constellation to life and meet a live animal from our wildlife sanctuary! *For STARLAB details, see page 14

From Seed to Plants:
Learn how those tricky seeds can travel and all about the plants around us. Experiment with the different parts of a plant or flower. Learning Strands: unity and diversity of life living things and their interactions with the Environment and each other, observing similarities and differences, life cycles.