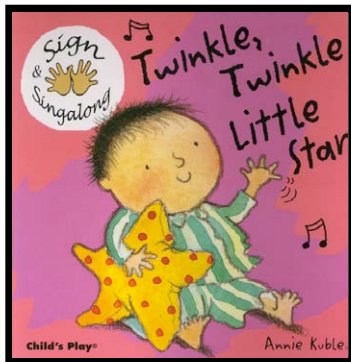


Children and Their Families Learn About the Stars

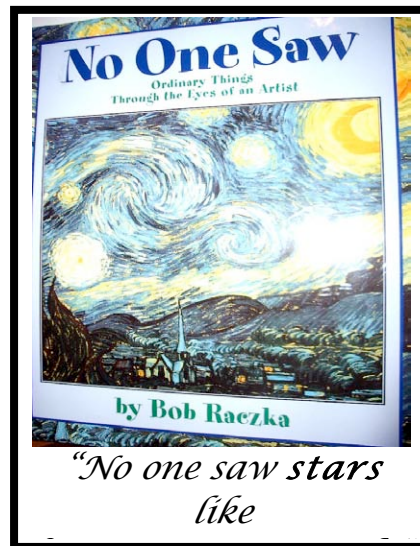


Awaken the child's love of nature and sense of wonder. "Learning About Our Earth and Solar System" is part of a year-long study in Joanie Cutler's kindergarten in Eugene, Oregon. **The children even learn Greek myths about the stars** and learn to locate familiar constellations. **Throughout the year families are encouraged to take night walks and**

observe the changing stars. After learning about the stars, children draw their pictures of stars spinning in space. They create a star mural in the style of van Gogh and develop (what may become) a life-long interest in astronomy.



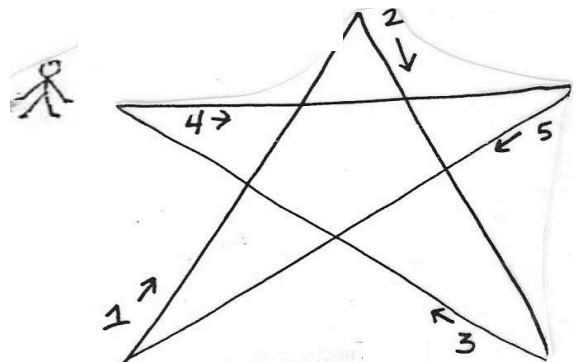
After children have learned to sign the song, they enjoy reading the *Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star*, sign and sing-along board book, by Annie Kubler, Child's Play, 2004.



We love the beautiful book *No One Saw: Ordinary Things Through the Eyes of an Artist*, by Bob Raczka, Millbrook Press, 2002.

Celeste Starr Teaches Children How to Draw a Star: Body Movement and Language Builds Brain Connections

- 1 & 2 = Make an "A" (A=^) (with body also)
- 3 = Kick up your foot
- 4 = Cross your heart
- 5 = Touch your toe



Children also learn to draw spiral  and twinkling  stars. One child exclaimed to Dad, "This is my van Gogh like star."