

# Stars & Constellations, continued

**Constellation Card Hole Punching** - Depending on the age and ability of your child, you can punch the holes in the constellation cards, or you can have your child do it. In Montessori classrooms, the students do the hole punching, but only under close supervision. We encourage you to use caution with your child and only allow them to do this if you think they are ready.

**Projecting Constellations** - Once the holes have been punched out of the cards, use the flashlight to project the constellations onto a wall. This works best in a dark room.

**Lacing Beads** - Begin the lacing activity by threading the needle with yarn. This will be quite challenging, so you may need to do this for younger children. As an initial activity, the child can work on just the motor skills required to get the beads onto the string. Once they are proficient in that, then they can use the pattern cards to thread the beads and try following the pattern.

**Lacing Constellations** - This activity is simply using the constellation cards to work on fine motor skills by using the yarn and needle to lace them. Younger children should start with some of the simpler constellations, and then work up to some of the more complex ones.

**Stargazing** - You can use the constellation cards to identify the constellations in the night sky. Please note that you will not be able to identify all of the constellations that we have provided, since some are only visible from either the northern or southern hemispheres.

**Constellation Craft** - For younger children, they begin by just using the star punch and yellow paper to develop fine motor skills. Then, they can work on gluing the stars to the black paper. Older children can try to use the stars to recreate the constellations. In the beginning, they can use the cards as a reference to recreate the constellation. Then, they can try to recreate it from memory. As a final activity, they can invent and name their own constellations.