



## ***"It's Eclipse Day!"***

**Colin, 4 years 3 months**

At our Monday August 21<sup>st</sup> Morning Meeting Kalei read *Planets* by Ellen Hasbrouck. She chose this book because she was wondering if the children might make connections with the enigmatic event of the day. The eclipse - & the universe in general, is an especially abstract unknown to children so Kalei hoped the *Planets* might prime the group for a discussion. Later, we projected imagery from space travel to enrich the context further.

*Colin: It's eclipse day! The sun goes behind the moon.*

Ruth (4 years): Everybody has the goggle things & they pretend the sun goes behind the moon.

*Colin: They're not goggles, they're special glasses. The eclipse can really hurt your eyes.*

Ruby (3 years): Sometimes the sun is somewhere else.

*Wren (4 years 2 months): The sun is hot lava & fire.*

Aleita (3 years 8 months): The Earth is good for the sun. The Earth gives the sun vitamins.



***“Do you know why the Earth is blue? Because the ocean!”***

Wren



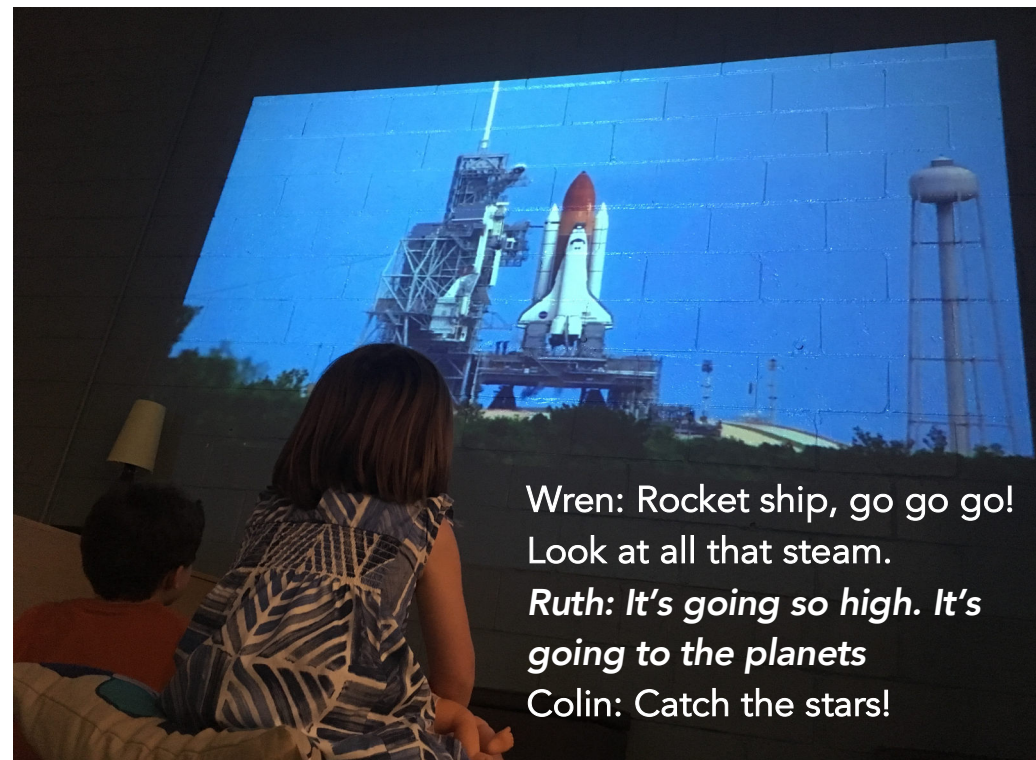
***“Beautiful! It’s pink!”***

Wren



***"1, 2, 3, blast off! ...Fire, fire, right there with the hot lava!"***

Tashi (3 years 10 months)



**Wren:** Rocket ship, go go go!  
**Look at all that steam.**  
**Ruth:** *It's going so high. It's going to the planets*  
**Colin:** Catch the stars!

***They're jumping out of the rocket ship!***

Huck (3 years 3 months)

**Colin:** I want to do that.

***Kalei: What would you do in the stars?***

**Colin:** Look at the planets as I float past.

