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Process Statement: Space Research Reports

2-Purple is just finishing up an inter-disciplinary unit on space. We began by doing experiments both in science class and in our class about different space ideas. We learned about the phases of the moon, and about the orbits that the planets take around the sun. We learned about all of the different parts of our solar system, including the planets, the sun, asteroids, comets, eclipses, and meteors.

Next, each student picked a topic that they wanted to study further. We each wrote a list of questions that we had about our topic. Through reading and writing researching skills lessons, we how to read complicated non-fiction texts about space and find the answers to our questions, and the information we needed to write our reports.

Then we found books for our topics, and began to research. When we found the answers to our questions, we took other notes, and found all of the information we could about these topics. We put all of our information into our published reports and made illustrations.

We are also making a model of the solar system, and creating a book to answer the questions that kids from other classes have about space.