**First Star: A Bear and Mole Story** by Will Hillenbrand
While camping, Bear tells Mole the story of how the First Bears created the moon and the stars.

**Inquiry and Observation** – Visit the library and borrow books about the moon. Invite children to read (or picture walk) the books and discuss what they observe about the different phases of the moon.

**Observation** – Print out a lunar calendar. Cut out the different **shapes of the moon**. Show children what the moon will look like that evening. Encourage them to look at the moon and share their observations the next day.

**Construct** – Invite children to plan and build an indoor tent. Use the tent in the Dramatic Play Center for children to go “camping.” Add stars on the inside of the tent and encourage them to visually connect the stars to make their own constellation.

**Create** – Collect paper, light-colored crayons, paint brushes and dark-colored watercolor paint. Instruct the children to draw objects that light up the night sky using crayons. Next, ask them to paint over the entire paper using watered-down watercolor paint.

**One-on-One Counting and Shapes** – Cut out stars or use star stickers. Form different shapes using stars, like a constellation. Invite the children to identify the shapes and count the stars.