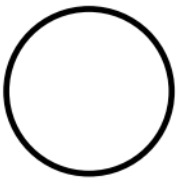
Extension Activity
Moon Watching with your Moon Book

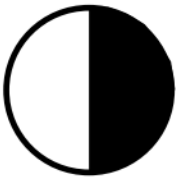
Now that each student has a Moon Book, encourage them to use it!

Tell students there's a secret to finding the Moon each night – you need to know WHEN to look for it. The full moon is up all night. It rises at sunset and sets at sunrise. But every night, the Moon rises later than it did the night before. The time the Moon rises changes in a cycle.

Here are the best times to look for each moon shape.



Look east at sunset to see the full moon rising.



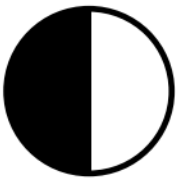
Look west in the late morning to see this half moon.
(It rises in the middle of the night!)



Look west in the early afternoon.
The crescent moon will be hard to find.



Look west after sunset or in the early evening.



Look east in the afternoon.
This is our favorite, the afternoon moon!