

Name of Activity: **Space Jam**
Grade Level: K-3
Formation: Standing at desks
Equipment: None

Rules/Directions:

1. Teacher reads story to class and class identifies each verb or "action" word.
 2. Teacher pauses during reading while class acts out each verb in place for 15 - 20 seconds.
 3. Continue until end of story:
- Hello, my name is Zippy and I live on a space station. Today, I will lead you on a tour through space. First, we need to **put on** our moon boots. They will allow us to **walk** through space. The first stop will be Mercury, the closest planet to the sun. Mercury is very hot . . . so, **OUCH**, be careful and **step quickly** so your feet do not get burned. Mercury also has many craters. On the count of 3, let's **jump** into a crater and **see** what we find. 1 - 2 - 3, **JUMP!** **Climb** out of the crater so we can **march** to Venus. Venus is the second planet from the sun. This planet has very strong winds and volcanoes. See if you can **walk** through the wind without **blowing over**. A lot of the surface of Venus is covered with lava, and here comes some . . . **RUN!** The next stop is Earth, the third planet from the sun. Seventy-one percent of the Earth's surface is water, so **hop** in and start **swimming**. See if you can do the **front crawl** and the **backstroke**. Our next stop will be Mars. Mars is known as the red planet. The largest mountain in space, Olympic Mons, is located on Mars. See if you can **climb** to the top! Jupiter is the fifth planet from the sun. It is made up of mostly gas and you can see clouds when you look at this planet. **Find** a cloud and see if you can **float** on it. Our next stop is Saturn, the sixth planet from the sun. It has a rocky core and there are areas of ice throughout the planet. There are also rings of gases around Saturn. **WHOA**, there is a huge piece of ice, **be careful** and **slide** across it. **Hop** on one of the rings surrounding Saturn and **spin** around in circles. Uranus is our next stop. It has a small rocky core. Can everyone **tiptoe** across Uranus **watching** out for the ice? Next, let's visit Neptune. Neptune has four rings and large storms with fast winds. It also has 13 moons. Quick, **duck!** Here comes a moon, **move to the left** so you do not get hit. Pluto is our next stop. It is the smallest planet and is furthest from the sun. It is a cold planet because it is furthest from the sun. **Shiver** and **rub** your hands together to stay warm. This ends our tour of space. **Grab** a partner and **hop** back to the space station.

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