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Celebrate International Space Day on May 7

Mount Pleasant, SC (May 7, 2010) – Did you know that if you put Saturn in a giant glass of water it would float? Or how about that it takes eight and a half minutes for the light from the Sun to get to the Earth? Join Sylvan Dell in celebrating Space Day on May 7 by exploring the mysterious wonders of the universe.

Launched by Lockheed Martin in 1997, the Space Day educational initiative is a grassroots effort dedicated to extraordinary achievements, benefits and opportunities in the explorations and use of space. This annual event focuses on promoting math, science, technology and engineering education to children all over the world.

The topic of space is as vast as the universe, but Sylvan Dell has the answers for fun ways to learn about this final frontier we call space. Below are a few suggestions of ways to celebrate Space Day:

- Visit a planetarium or observatory.** Learn about our solar system and other galaxies by looking through telescopes or watching a simulated motion of the sky.
- **Make planets out of clay or paper plates.** Create your own solar system by forming the size and shapes of each planet.
- Read a Sylvan Dell book about space.** Check out Sylvan Dell's three titles with entertaining and vividly illustrated stories about space: *How the Moon Regained Her Shape*, *Pieces of Another World* and *Saturn for my Birthday*.

The Sylvan Dell titles, offered in hardback, paperback and eBook format, include a "For Creative Minds" section at the end of each story, which provides fun, educational activities and information on the book. Additionally, the Sylvan Dell Web site offers an abundant amount of supporting material including a 30-40 page "Teaching Activities" packet, interactive reading and math quizzes, and much more.

While astronauts have made great advancements in space exploration, there is still much we don't know about our universe. So, celebrate Space Day with Sylvan Dell by learning all you can about the marvels of the universe. You never know, you just might make a new discovery!

To learn more about Space Day and find special events in your area visit www.spaceday.org.

About Sylvan Dell Publishing

Sylvan Dell Publishing's mission is to excite children's imaginations with artistically spectacular science, math and nature themed stories. Founded in November of 2004, Sylvan Dell has grown to include more than 75

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authors and illustrators, in the U.S. and Canada, and 50 titles – honored as finalists or winners of more than 70 book awards. Our *Science and Math Through Literature Program* integrates reading, science, math, geography, character skills, and language learning through fun, cross-curricular activities. Sylvan Dell provides more online educator resources than any other publisher in the U.S. We offer schools, homeschooling families and public libraries a free one-year access to our ebook site license featuring **the most technologically advanced eBooks** each with Auto-Flip, Auto-Read, 3D page curling, and selectable English and Spanish text *and* audio through our School Resource Grant program. For more information, visit <http://www.sylvandellpublishing.com>.

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