A source of inspiration! Let the children color in the pictures of Space Wizard and his friends. Perhaps they will also want to draw their own pictures with a space, or astronomy, theme?

Objective: Students can color in pictures from the “The Wizard from Space” planetarium show while at the same time noting differences between the seasons (four seasonal pictures), exercise their fantasy and artistic skills (five pictures of things from the planetarium show) and learn about the solar system (one picture of the nine planets).

Procedure: a) Seasonal pictures – before the students begin to color in the pictures have them look at them carefully and tell how they know which season is which by noting the types of things that are seen in each one. For example, one would see a snowman in winter, plant flowers in spring, go swimming in summer and rake leaves in the autumn. What other clues can they find? What other seasonal items would they add to the pictures themselves?

b) Things from the planetarium show – here the students can let their imaginations run free and color the pictures as they think best. The picture with the birthday cake can also be used when it is a student’s birthday (fill their name in on the blank line) to post on a bulletin board in the classroom. Some other suggestions could include coloring in a scene behind Space Wizard, Rudy Rooster, or Space Wizard’s house (what would it look like, for example, at Christmas?).

c) The planets – before the students begin to color in the individual pictures of the planets show them pictures of the real planets so they know what the colors should be. Older students broken up into teams could be assigned to go to the library to look up this information; one group per planet. Alternatively – after coloring the planets in their correct colors -- they could make a second picture with colors the way that they would make the planets if they could make them any way that they wanted to. Some students may wish to make up a short report about a particular planet that they could share with the rest of the class.
d) Once their pictures are finished, some may wish to write a short story, create a poem, or even write a song using their pictures as a starting point.

Have fun and be like Spectra, Space Wizard’s assistant; colorful!
Pick or Rake?

The Wizard From Space

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Out for a Winter's Walk

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Time Again for Planting

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from Space
Let Vacation Begin!

The Wizard From Space
Cock-a-doodle-doo, rise and shine!

The Wizard from Space
Do you like music like Spectra does?
Where in space am I?

**The Wizard from Space**
The Solar System's Planets

- Mercury
- Venus
- Earth
- Mars
- Jupiter
- Saturn
- Uranus
- Neptune
- Pluto

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Happy Birthday... to

from Space

The Wizard