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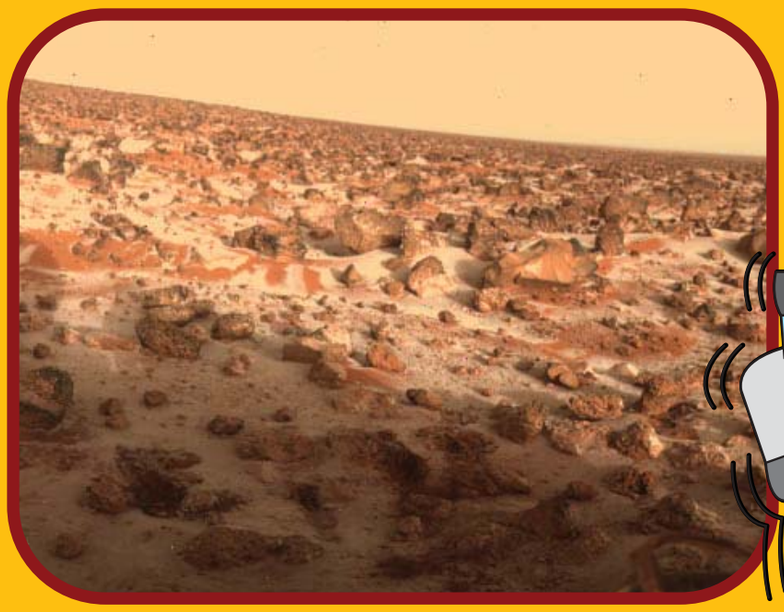

The Viking 2 Lander took this picture of Mars' surface in 1979. Notice the thin layer of frost. Find out how Mars compares with the other planets in our solar system at spaceplace.nasa.gov/story-planet-awards.

SEPTEMBER 2011

NASA Space Place CALENDAR

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
National School Success Month. The Space Place has lots of free resources to help teachers and students be successful.				1	2	3 First close-up picture of Mars taken by **Viking 2 Lander.** Go on a Mars Adventure!
4 **The Moon** is at first quarter. What does this mean? How long does each phase last? FIRST QUARTER	5 **Launch of Voyager 1,** 1977. Go to The Space Place gallery to see photos of the solar system taken by this pioneering spacecraft. **Labor Day**	6	7	8 **International Literacy Day.** Use your reading, writing, and typing skills to help the Spitzer project make signs.	9	10 **Swap Ideas Day.** Some ideas are better than others. Try this class experiment to see how the best ideas evolve.
11 **Grandparents' Day.** Your grandparents can probably help you with the "How old do I look?" game.	12 FULL MOON	13	14 **Luna 2** crashed on the Moon, 1959. It was the first spacecraft to reach another body. How did the Moon form? Why would we not be here if it hadn't?	15	16 **Collect Rocks Day.** How did the Stardust spacecraft collect "comet rocks" and bring them back to Earth?	17
18	19	20 LAST QUARTER	21	22	23 Autumnal Equinox (first day of autumn)	24 **Punctuation Day.** Punctuate your conversations with fun facts about the signs of the zodiac.
25	26	27 NEW MOON	28	29	30	

Month of September: spaceplace.nasa.gov/menu/parents-and-educators
Sep. 3: spaceplace.nasa.gov/mars-adventure
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Sep. 8: spaceplace.nasa.gov/sign-here
Sep. 10: spaceplace.nasa.gov/classroom-activities/#darwin
Sep. 11: spaceplace.nasa.gov/whats-older
Sep. 14: spaceplace.nasa.gov/dr-marc-earth
Sep. 16: spaceplace.nasa.gov/tails-of-wonder
Sep. 24: spaceplace.nasa.gov/starfinder

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