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最親近的宇航員

最近，身為中國人都非常關注一件非常重大的事情，就是搭載神舟十八號載人飛船的長征二號F遙十八運載火箭在酒泉衛星發射中心點火發射，約10分鐘後，神舟十八號載人飛船與火箭成功分離，進入預定軌道。此後，神舟十八號三人成功進入中國空間站「天宮」，與神州十七號乘組勝利會師。這是中國神舟系列飛船的第18次任務和中國載人航天工程的第13次載人飛行任務。

事實上，神舟每一次升空，都牽動全國各地民衆的心，而每逢發射，在距離酒泉衛星發射中心附近的觀摩點，都會有當地居民和遊客聚集，遙望着火箭升空的壯景。其中，還有不少中學生。高三學生梁欣悅說：「現場看火箭升空，真是太震撼了，感覺浩瀚的宇宙離自己又近了一些。航天員是我們學習的榜樣，他們探索未知宇宙的精神，激勵我們好好學習、追求心中夢想。」

她講得真好！宇航員是青少年心目中的英雄，實現理想的最佳榜樣。我到很多學校演講時，有不少同學問我，童年的夢想是什麼？我都毫不猶豫地回答：「是當一個上太空的宇航員！」

最近我在評選十大最佳童書的時候，發現了一本很合「心水之作」，就是英國作家喬納森·米爾斯（Jonathan Meres）寫的《外公是個宇航員》。這本書的故事小主角謝爾曼對宇航員外公非常崇拜，而世界上只有一件事讓他最高興，那就是去探望外公！外公帶着謝爾曼漫遊太空，登上月球，外公說有一天他會回到真正的月球，這是真的嗎？

故事很有吸引力，更描寫了感人至深的隔代親情，同學們都可以好好地看一看，讀一讀。



The Sun and the Wind

Characters

- The Sun, the Wind and a man

Setting

- In the sky; on the road

The Wind liked telling others how strong he was. "Hey Sun, who do you think is the strongest in the world?" the Wind said to the Sun proudly. "It's me, the Wind! I can destroy plants and buildings!"

"Oh really?" the Sun laughed. "It seems that you don't believe me!" said the Wind angrily.

Just then, they saw a man wearing a checked coat with a hood. "Can you see that man on the road?" asked the Wind. "Let's make him take off his coat. The winner is the strongest in the world!"

The Wind blew as hard as he could. The man thought, "That's strange. Why is the wind so strong today?" He did up his buttons. Then the Wind blew harder and harder. The more the Wind blew, the tighter the man held onto his coat. After a while, the man put on his hood. The Wind breathed loudly. He decided to stop blowing.

Then the Sun shone as bright as she could. The man thought, "Huh? Why is it suddenly so hot?" He took off his hood immediately.

"Now, my temperature is 15°C only. Let me turn it up!" said the Sun. When she slowly turned up her temperature, she said to the man, "Why don't you undo your buttons?" The man undid his buttons. "It's getting hotter now. You should take off your coat," said the Sun. The man started to sweat a lot. He took off his coat and took a rest under a tree.

The Wind lost. He thought, "Being persuasive is very powerful!"

The Sun's temperature

