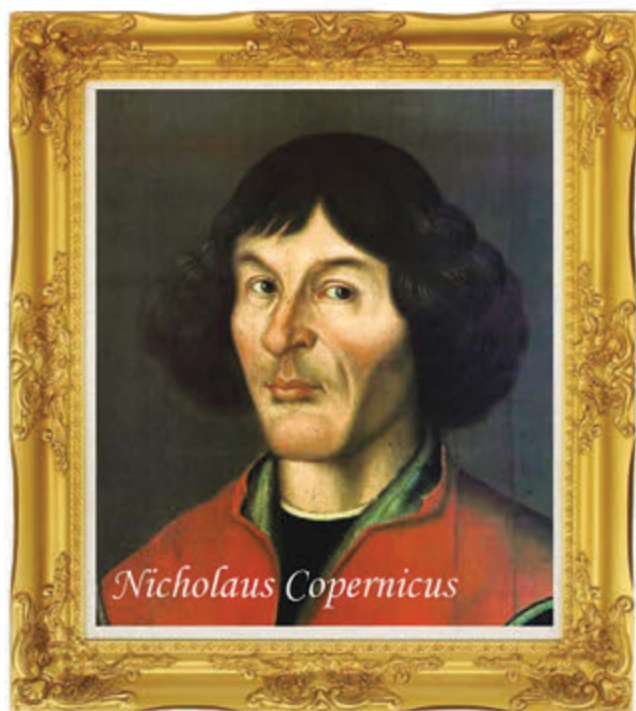


Hello Neighbor!

Earth's closest neighbor in space is the Moon. Earth orbits the Sun, and the Moon orbits Earth. Did you know that the Moon doesn't give off its own light? The Moon's glow comes from sunlight reflecting off its surface.



It was once thought that Earth was at the center of our solar system. In 1543, Nicolaus Copernicus published his revolutionary theory that placed the Sun at the center of our solar system.



Sun

Astronomers are scientists who study the universe. They think the Moon used to be part of Earth. Billions of years ago, a large body from space crashed into Earth, breaking off large chunks. Scientists believe the large chunks later joined together and hardened to form our Moon.



Moon

