Background Information:

Newton's Laws of Motion

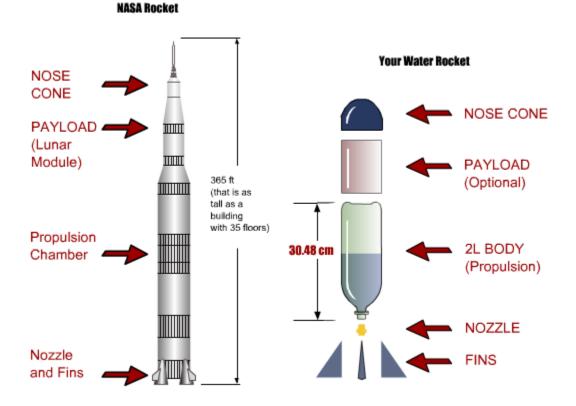
Bottle rockets are excellent devices for investigating "Newton's Three Laws of Motion":

<u>1st Law</u> - A rocket will remain on the launch pad until an unbalanced force is exerted, propelling the rocket upward.

<u>2nd Law</u> - The amount of force depends upon how much air is pumped inside the rocket. You can increase the force further by adding a small amount of water, which increases the mass expelled by the air pressure in the rocket .

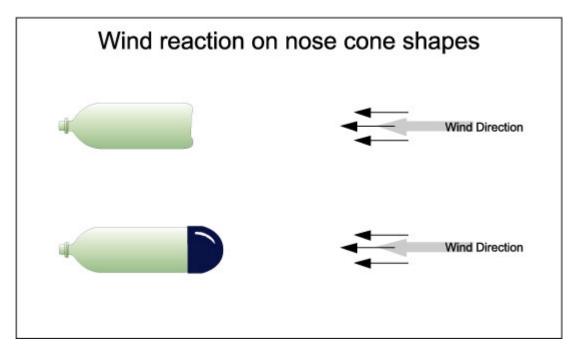
<u>**3rd Law**</u> - Finally, the action force of the air (and water) as it rushes out of the nozzle creates an equal and opposite reaction force propelling the rocket upward.

As with a balloon, air pressurizes the bottle rocket. Adding a small amount of water to the bottle increases the action force. The water expels from the bottle before the air does, turning the bottle rocket into a bigger version of a water rocket toy (available in toy stores).



Parts of a Rocket

Aerodynamics and Nose Cones



Fin Style	Number of Fins	Size/Altitude
		1.
		2.
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Other fin style		1.
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