



# Ms. Denise's Pre-K 2 Newsletter

Saint Michael's Catholic Academy

March 23, 2020

Dear Families,

Happy Spring! As we continue our journey during this challenging time, we are going to begin our unit of study on *living things*. It is an exciting unit full of opportunities for hands-on learning. The children will learn about plants and animals as well as the characteristics of both living and non-living things. Activities will be given for each day as well as a story. Throughout the week, educational videos and songs will be posted on Class Dojo as well. Please view Class Dojo each day and send a picture of your child engaged in an activity. Have a good week and be well. Hopefully, we can be together soon.

Ms. Denise, Ms. Becca & Ms. Shania

## Story Links and Activities

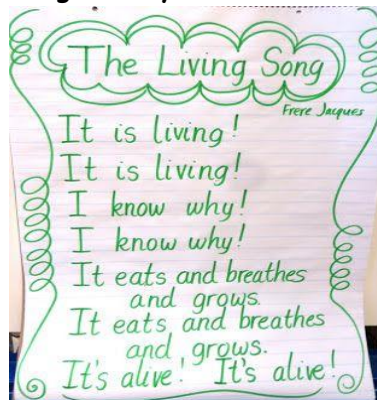
Monday 3/23 – *Living or Nonliving* by Abby Dunne

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BqxNren-utY>

\* The children can draw or cut out pictures of living and non-living things from magazines, catalogs and newspapers. They can glue them on paper or in their notebooks and make a chart.

\* Take the children on a letter sound hunt looking for things that begin with the letters Q and R. Please have them draw 3 things that they found in their notebook or on paper.

\*Sing the "It is Living Song" with your child.



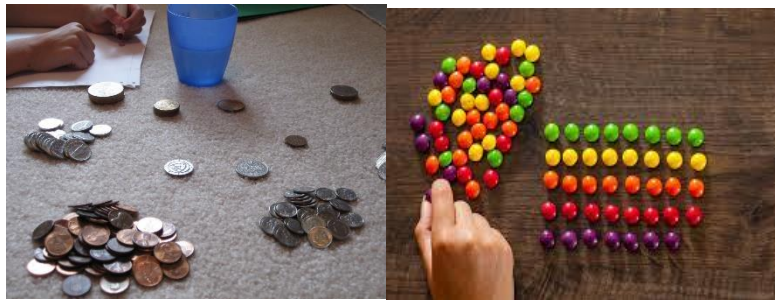
Tuesday 3/24- *What's Alive?* By Kathleen Weidner Zoehfeld

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Np0am4TOIA0>

Sesame Street Video of What's Alive:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=giWqEPNltBo>

- \*Parents can show the children baby pictures and discuss how they have changed/grown.
- \*The children can draw a picture of when they were a baby and of how they are now.
- \*Practice counting with your children by using small items such as cereal, pennies, or any other small loose parts. You can ask them to count out and sort the items.



Wednesday 3/25- *Brown Bear, Brown Bear What Do You See?* By Eric Carle & Bill Martin Jr.  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gfZ6tCMjjsw>

- \*Have your child draw a picture of their favorite animal from the story. You can encourage a conversation by asking them open ended questions like "why is it your favorite animal?"
- \*The children can make their own book of *living things* by cutting out or drawing pictures.



Thursday 3/26- *From Head to Toe* by Eric Carle & Bill Martin Jr.  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tVlbmbAqGM>

Link to Master Jason's YouTube Taekwondo page:  
<https://m.youtube.com/channel/UCjiX7VRRtP8QDBMSeHbzzww>

- \*Letter Practice-your child can make an alphabet book by drawing pictures on each page for each letter.



- \*Let's keep moving! The children can dance and sing along to the "Freeze Dance."
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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2UcZWXvgMZE>

Friday 3/27 -Polar Bear, Polar Bear What Do You Hear? By Eric Carle and Bill Martin Jr.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3uVb8UqPk74>

\*Our class loved to view and learn sign language for kids in class :

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YjYbopUNQEw>

\*Your child can make patterns using beads, pompoms, blocks or any other items you may have in your house.



\*The children can practice writing by making a list of the people in their family using words and pictures.

\*Using aluminum foil, the children can practice writing and drawing different shapes and letters.

