



Ms. Denise's Weekly News

Pre-K 2

Saint Michael's Catholic Academy

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Dear Families,

I hope this letter finds everyone well. As students are home this week, it is important to keep our little learners engaged. Children are naturally curious, and it is through play that children engage and interact with the world around them. We will continue our unit of study on transportation. This week a list of links to stories being read aloud on-line will be provided. The focus will be on trains. Our children love story time, so hopefully they will enjoy these stories. Also, suggested activities that families can work on together each day will be listed. It is not required, but the children can bring in their work or creations when school re-opens if you wish. During this time Class DoJo will be the preferred method of communication. My email address is also listed at the bottom of this letter. Please remember that reading together with your child is one of the best activities. Have a good week!

Ms. Denise

Story Links and Activities

Monday 3/16 - *Pete the Cat's Train Trip* by James Dean

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qktnLFYs148>

Students and parents can make a map together that includes roads, bridges, houses, schools etc. The children can practice writing their first and last name at least 5x in their notebook or on paper if they do not have it with them. Students can practice writing the alphabet in their notebook or on paper.

Tuesday 3/17- *I Love Trains* by Philemon Sturges:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LXb3HPjBcJE>

The students can play a game where they move like various modes of transportation such as a car, boat, train, plane, bus, tractor, bicycle, helicopter etc. They can also write or draw a list of different kinds of transportation in their notebook or on paper.

Wednesday 3/18- *Freight Train* by Donald Crews

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0y0cWEKtII0>

The children can continue to practice writing their first and last names 5x. They can also count how many cars, buses, trucks, airplanes etc. that they see when they are either outside or from their windows/houses with their caregivers. They can record how many they count on paper or in their notebook.

Thursday 3/19- *Curious George Catches a Train* by Margret & H.A. Reys

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XEwj6tC2uU>

The children can cut strips of paper and make a road in the shape of their name or first letter of their name. They can make road lines and glue it on paper. They can then drive toy cars /vehicles over their name for letter identification and formation practice. Children can practice writing the numbers 1-10 and draw the corresponding number of cars next to the number in their notebook/paper.

Friday 3/20- *My Subway Ride* by Paul Dubois Jacobs and Jennifer Swender

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7be7QIYoliA>

The children can create train tracks using items from around the house with their caregivers. They can create a train using recycled materials. The children can go on a shape and color hunt around their house. They can find items that are shaped like a circle, triangle, square, rectangle, oval, heart and star. They can also find items that are red, yellow, blue, orange, purple, green, white, brown, grey and black. They can write or draw what they find in their notebook or on paper.

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