



## Pre-K 2 Newsletter

St. Michael's Catholic Academy

April 20, 2020

Dear Families,

Spring is here and April showers bring May flowers! This week we will learn about the life cycle of a plant. We will learn how plants, trees, and flowers are living things. I will be planting a seed and recording the stages of its growth to share with everyone. Once again, thank you for your continued support during this unprecedented time. Please continue to send pictures of the children engaged in various activities. We love seeing them!

Have a great week!

Ms. Denise, Ms. Becca & Ms. Shania

**Monday April 20, 2020:** Plant the Tiny Seed by Christie Matheson

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MHRDM5nb8Ks>

***The Green Grass Grows Song:***

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CTbswd1Q3-o>

**How a seed becomes a plant video:**

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

\*We will begin learning about how a seed becomes a plant. It goes through different stages. If it is possible and you have certain materials available, the children can view how a seed begins to grow and becomes a plant or flower at home. It gives them a chance to see what is happening under the ground!

***Materials:***

- Any kind of seeds or dry beans (beans usually work best)
- A clear glass, jar, plastic cup or clear plastic Ziplock bag
- Cotton balls or you can try paper towel if cotton is not available
- Water

**STEP 1:** Fill the jar/plastic container with cotton or paper towels. The children can push them down into the container. This is also great work for little hands.

**STEP 2:** Gently water your seed container to wet the cotton or paper towels. Be careful not to flood it.

**STEP 3:** Carefully push seeds down into the cotton or paper towels around the edge of the container so they can still be seen. Make sure they are firmly held in place. Place by a window.

**\*\*Hopefully, in a few days, they will be able to see the seed's transformation. If these materials are not available, I will be doing the same and I will video and post its progress.**



**\*Trace your hands on a piece of paper. What can you turn the outline of your hands into? Use your imagination. I can't wait to see all of your ideas!**

**Tuesday April 21, 2020: The Tiny Seed by Eric Carle**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ls6wTeT2cKA>

## 5 Things Plants Need Song:

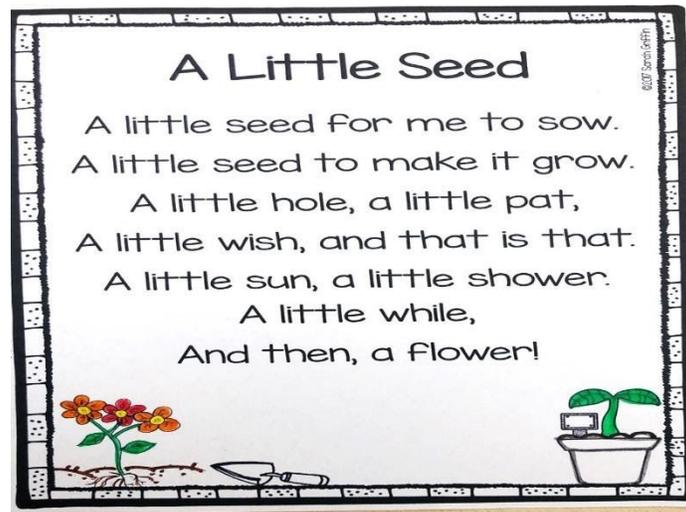
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dUBIQ1fTRzI>

## The Science Song:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hvHAtMzMm5g>

\*Find 20 things to count around the house that are **red** and find 10 things to count around the house that are **blue**.

\*Read "A Little Seed" poem with your child. Draw a picture of a plant during the growing process - be sure to include the environment around the plant and the things that the plant needs to grow. Color your drawing. What kind of plant did you draw? Why do you like it? Have your child write their first and last name on top of their picture. Parents can talk about the drawing with their child.



**Wednesday April 22, 2020: Flower Garden** by Eve Bunting

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DapnfKx2CHE>

## Parts of a Plant/Flower Song:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ql6OL7\\_qFgU](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ql6OL7_qFgU)

## April Song by Jack Hartman:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LKpB8v3Ndz8>

## Master Jason's Video:

<https://wetransfer.com/downloads/6f7bd87ea77929c8bc39669942981ef320200418173233/9a9e9a8f826199760a0550a7702d1cc720200418173532/ed8d02>

**\*The children can learn the parts of a flower using paper towel or bathroom tissue rolls. Children “grow” their flower by stacking the cut rolls.**

- Cut every roll into equal parts.
- Using construction paper, make the roots, stem, leaf and flower cutouts and paste them on each TP roll half.
- Label the parts of the flowers (roots, stem, leaf and flower)



**\*For fine motor practice, the children can practice buttoning, snapping and zipping up jackets, coats and sweaters.**

**Thursday April 23, 2020: Lola Plants a Garden by Anna McQuinn**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f01WcOO8vbM>

**In the Garden Song:**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RCCYcU97PA>

**Banana, Banana, Meatball/Make a Pattern Song by Go Noodle:**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BQ9q4U2P3ig>

**\*If you have a plant at home, show your child how to water and care for your plants! Explain to them that plants need water just like we do in order to live. If you have plants at home, have your child help you water your plants weekly/bi-weekly (depending on the needs of your plant). This is a great routine for your child to help you with!**

**\*Your child can make a picture book of flowers. They can draw, paint, color or cut out pictures of flowers. Which one is their favorite and why? You can share what your favorite flower is with your child.**

**\*Make a pattern using your body- for example jump, clap, snap, jump, clap, snap. After doing the pattern a few times ask your child to repeat the pattern and describe it to you in words. Repeat with other patterns. The children can try to make their own body patterns.**

**Friday April 24, 2020: Gus Grows a Plant by Frank Remkiewicz**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6V9Dx2VpxW4>

### **Sunflower Song**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=244kEwui038>

**Get Yo Body Movin' by GoNoodle:**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fpD9kRyBn8o>

**\*Observe the seeds that are in your window. What is happening? Do you see any changes? You can draw what you see.**

**\*To practice fine motor skills the children can practice writing the alphabet using Q-tips and paint. Practice both capital and lowercase letters.**

**\*Create a Family Dance. Put on your favorite music and explore different body movements. Will you move quickly? Slowly? Stretch high in the air or move low to the ground? What shapes will you make with your body? Have fun exploring movements and talking about your dance.**

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