

Recycling - What are ways that we can help the Earth?

April 6th - 17th, 2020

Earth Day is April 22nd, but in Pre-K we are learning that we can help the Earth everyday!

This week Pre-K takes a break from our exploration of Plants to learn more about how we can help the Earth! Begin by brainstorming the many ways your family helps the Earth, including recycling, sharing hand-me-downs with family and friends, using reusable water bottles, and saving electricity! Your family will be amazed at all of the ways you are already helping!

After reading this week's foundational text, you may want to write a list of additional ways your family can help the Earth stay clean and healthy for everyone. The activities listed below, as well as the activity grid attached to this week's email, also provide fun suggestions to support learning about the Earth!

You can use this book to introduce the idea of helping our Earth:

Our Earth: Helping Out

<https://bookflix.digital.scholastic.com/pair/detail/bk0096pr/book?authCtx=U.794217314>

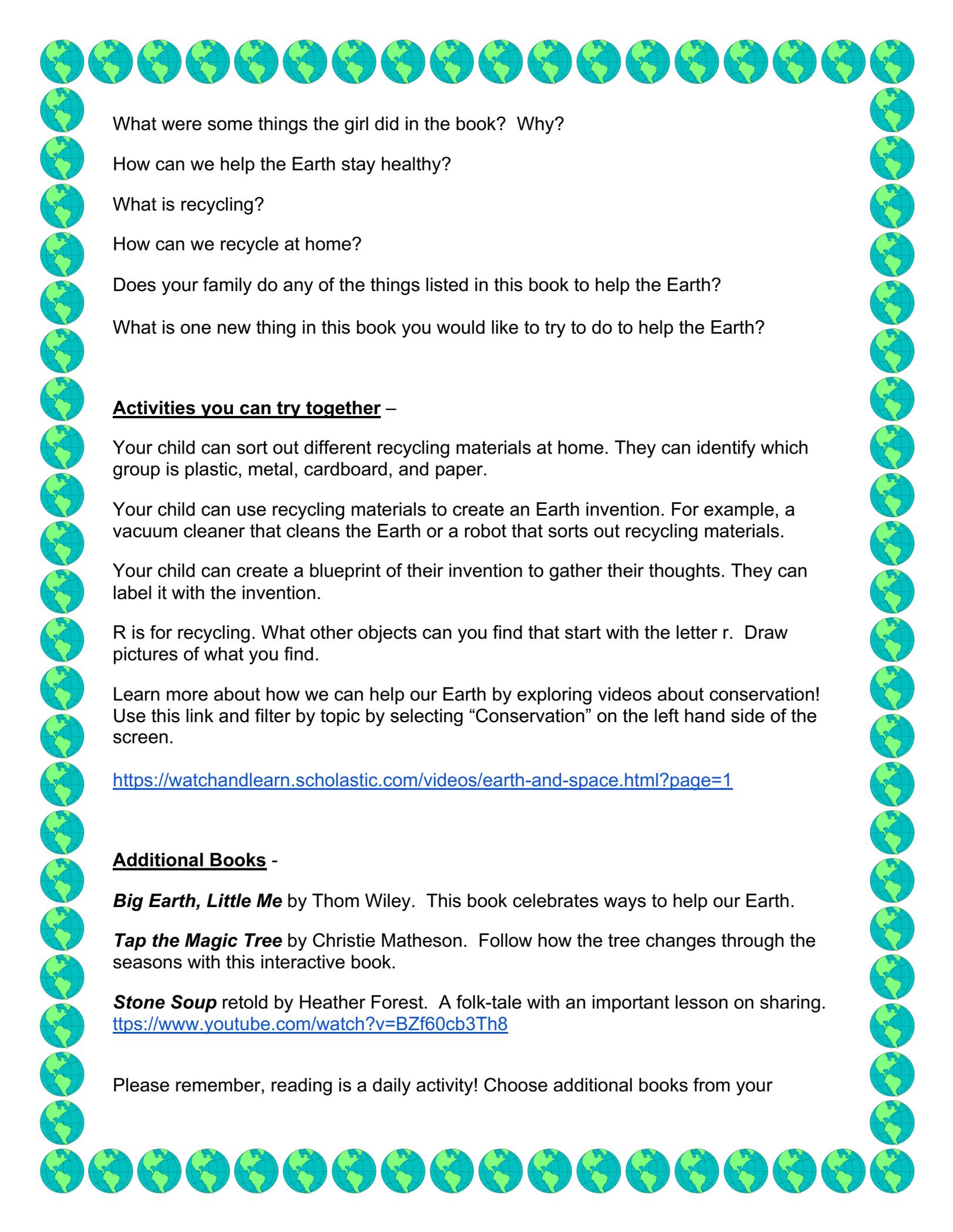
Key Vocabulary - compost, glass, metal, paper, plastic, recycling, reduce, reuse, repurpose

Foundational Text-

This week's foundational text is ***10 Things I Can Do To Help My World*** by Melanie Walsh. This book is about how young people can help the environment by doing simple things. Some ideas include not wasting paper, use both sides, turn off the lights, turn off the faucet, sort recycling.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xTN6T74W4L8>

Questions to ask your child after reading –



What were some things the girl did in the book? Why?

How can we help the Earth stay healthy?

What is recycling?

How can we recycle at home?

Does your family do any of the things listed in this book to help the Earth?

What is one new thing in this book you would like to try to do to help the Earth?

Activities you can try together –

Your child can sort out different recycling materials at home. They can identify which group is plastic, metal, cardboard, and paper.

Your child can use recycling materials to create an Earth invention. For example, a vacuum cleaner that cleans the Earth or a robot that sorts out recycling materials.

Your child can create a blueprint of their invention to gather their thoughts. They can label it with the invention.

R is for recycling. What other objects can you find that start with the letter r. Draw pictures of what you find.

Learn more about how we can help our Earth by exploring videos about conservation! Use this link and filter by topic by selecting “Conservation” on the left hand side of the screen.

<https://watchandlearn.scholastic.com/videos/earth-and-space.html?page=1>

Additional Books -

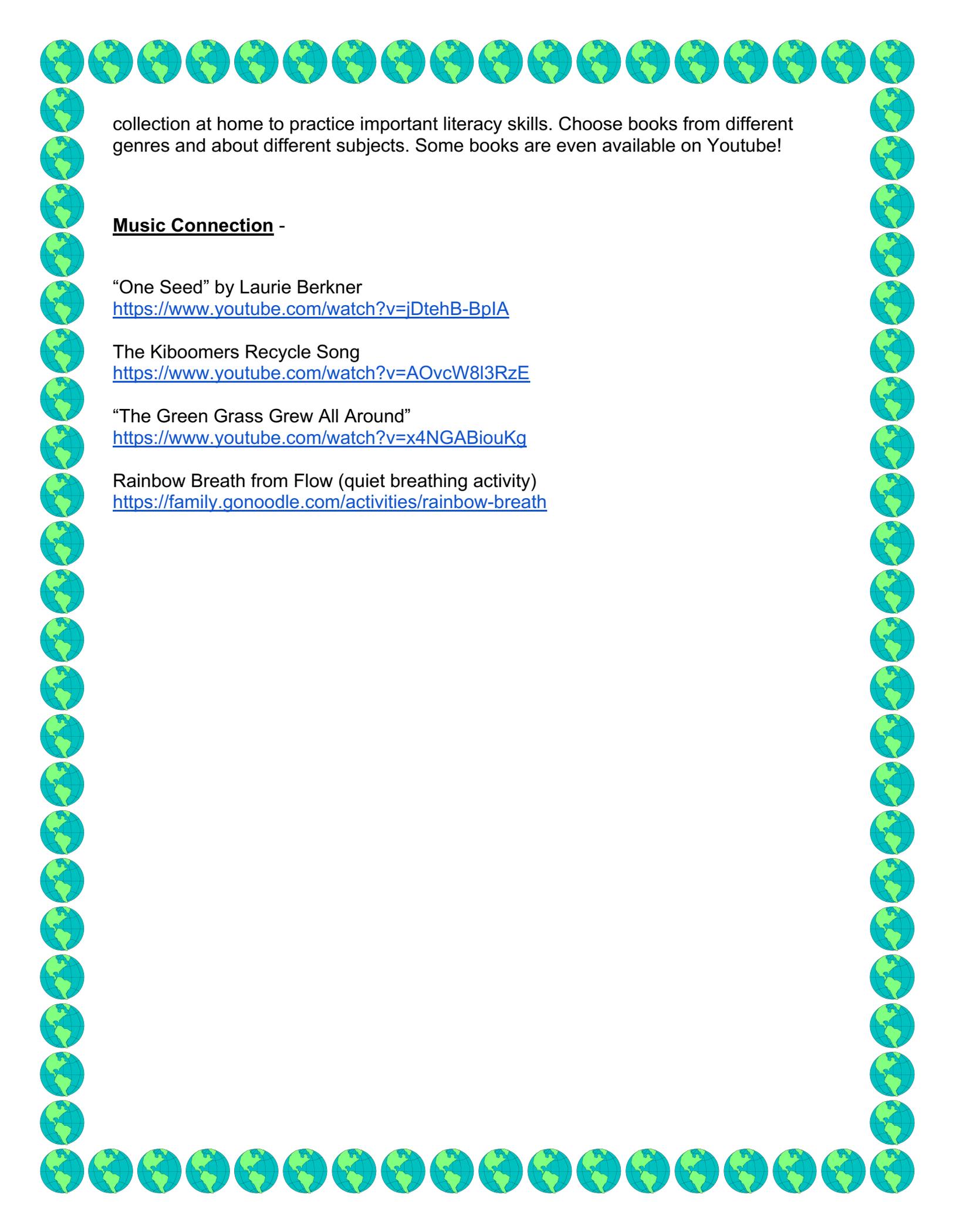
Big Earth, Little Me by Thom Wiley. This book celebrates ways to help our Earth.

Tap the Magic Tree by Christie Matheson. Follow how the tree changes through the seasons with this interactive book.

Stone Soup retold by Heather Forest. A folk-tale with an important lesson on sharing.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BZf60cb3Th8>

Please remember, reading is a daily activity! Choose additional books from your



collection at home to practice important literacy skills. Choose books from different genres and about different subjects. Some books are even available on Youtube!

Music Connection -

“One Seed” by Laurie Berkner

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jDtehB-BpIA>

The Kiboomers Recycle Song

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AOvcW8I3RzE>

“The Green Grass Grew All Around”

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x4NGABiouKq>

Rainbow Breath from Flow (quiet breathing activity)

<https://family.gonoodle.com/activities/rainbow-breath>