

**MASSACHUSETTS State Standards**

**Life Science**

**Grades PreK–2**

**Characteristics of Living Things**

1. Recognize that animals (including humans) and plants are living things that grow, reproduce, and need food, air, and water.
2. Differentiate between living and nonliving things. Group both living and nonliving things according to the characteristics that they share.

**Living Things and Their Environment**

6. Recognize that people and other animals interact with the environment through their senses of sight, hearing, touch, smell, and taste.
8. Identify the ways in which an organism's habitat provides for its basic needs (plants require air, water, nutrients, and light; animals require food, water, air, and shelter).