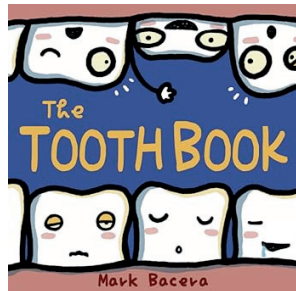


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Featured Book

A few months ago, Booth lost a tooth. But what if, instead of a new tooth, another "T-" item pops out? Before you turn the page, have your child make a guess! Through lovely illustrations, children will learn all about the five different type of teeth, the order they come out, cavities, fillings and crowns, and how to best



keep them nice and healthy! Through this interactive, immersive story, children will experience lots of laughs and learn how to best care for their own teeth. This book takes something that is scary for some kids - going to the dentist - and makes it light and funny!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PhhF45JPBW8>

Sensory

Toothpaste Letter Hunt

Materials Needed

- Shaving Cream
- Colored Water
- Bucket
- Plastic/Magnet Letters
- Tweezers or other Utensils



Directions

Cover the bottom of a tray with shaving cream, dripping colored water over the top, and swirling the liquids together until it looks like toothpaste. Sprinkle letter beads over the top. Children will then use tweezers or other utensils to discover the letters.

Art Project

Dental Health Art & Poem

Materials Needed

- Printable Tooth Template & Poem
- White Paint
- Manila/Construction Paper
- Toothbrushes
- Paper Plates



Instructions

Print the tooth outline onto construction paper. Put white paint onto a paper plate and allow kids to paint their tooth with the paint using a toothbrush. To access the template, go to <https://playtolearnpreschool.us/dental-health-art/>

Finger Play

Teeth Family



Daddy tooth, daddy tooth,
Where are you?
Here I am, here I am, how do you do
Mommy tooth, mommy, tooth,
Where are you?
Here I am, here I am, how do you do
Brother tooth, brother tooth,
Where are you?
Here I am, here I am, how do you do
Sister tooth, sister tooth,
Where are you?
Here I am, here I am, how do you do

<https://youtu.be/rYil4sbARDM>

Nutrition

Apple Peanut Butter Teeth

Ingredients

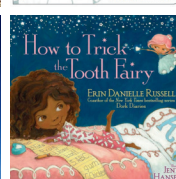
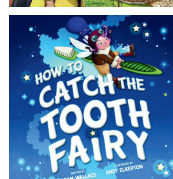
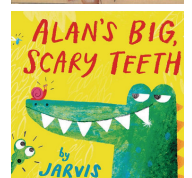
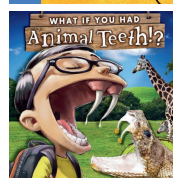
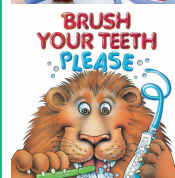
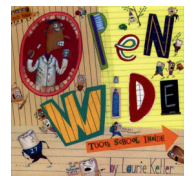
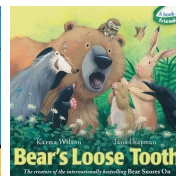
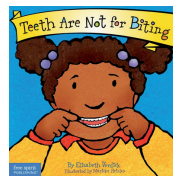
- 1 Apple
- Peanut Butter
- Mini Marshmallows



Directions

Start by cutting the apple into slices. Then, cut them into smaller slices. Put about a teaspoon or two onto each slice. Next, put a row of mini marshmallows across one apple slice. Sandwich them together. Press firmly until they stick. Now, you have your teeth!

12 Books About Teeth



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Referral Services

Surveys Coming Your Way

Starting this month, we will be sending out the combined Complete Update Survey and Market Rate Survey. It is very important that you fill out and return the survey, **EVEN IF YOU ARE NOT IN OUR REFERRAL DATABASE**, as the data is what the state uses to base the CCAP reimbursement rates on. Filling out the survey **DOES NOT** sign you up to be in our Referral Database, unless you check that box to be included.

If you have any questions, contact our Referral Specialist, Jessi, at jguzman@salccc.org or (309) 686-3750 Option 3.

Trainings

Playful Learning Foundations

This session introduces the principles of playful learning, exploring how curiosity, creativity, and exploration build a strong foundation for development. Participants will walk away with practical ways to bring joy and learning together in their classrooms.

Saturday, October 11

9:00 - 11:00 a.m. | Virtual on Zoom

Registration Deadline: 11:55 p.m. Thursday, October 2

Register at www.salccc.org/provider-services/training.

Health & Safety

October is Fire Prevention Month

It can be difficult to think clearly during an emergency, so fire safety has an acronym to help you recall the steps involved in operating your fire extinguisher. You should PASS:

Pull the pin on the fire extinguisher.

Aim the extinguisher nozzle on the hose low, toward the base of the fire.

Squeeze the handle or lever to discharge the extinguisher.

Sweep the nozzle back and forth. Keep the fire extinguisher aimed at the base of the fire and move it from side to side until the flames are extinguished.

Grants

Round Three of the Smart Start Workforce Grants opens up on October 1!

These funds assist child care providers in offering more competitive wages for their staff to attract and retain talented staff and meet parents' needs at affordable rates.

Learn more about how to apply for these funds and if your program qualifies by going to www.salccc.org/provider-services/smart-start-workforce-grants, or contact our local Smart Start Expert, Heather, by emailing SmartStart@salccc.org or calling (309) 686-3750, Option 6.

Home Child Care Network

Home Child Care Network is seeking licensed home care providers to join their **free** program. Their program offers free monthly training, technical support for grants and budgets, mental health support including screenings, and add-on rates for 2nd and 3rd shifts and weekends, with monthly payments guaranteed by the 15th of the month.

For more information, call (309) 685-8064.

Higher Education Navigation

Thinking about advancing your Early Education Career?

Contact a Higher Education Navigator for Help:

1. Determining your educational goals
2. Identifying which programs are available to best fit your needs
3. Connecting you with Early Childhood Education scholarship opportunities
4. Acting as a point of contact with Higher Education Institutions
5. Completing your Gateways membership
6. CDA cohort
7. Other assistance as needed

Call (309) 686-3750 Option 7

Home Daycare Professional Group

Third Tuesday of the Month

6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Zoom Meeting



For more information on any of our programs and services
Call: (309) 686-3750 | Fax: (309) 686-3850 | Visit: www.salccc.org
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