



March Branch Newsletter

What a fun and exciting month it has been! During the month of February, we have been learning all about... TEETH! We've received lots of positive feedback from many of our Branch families telling us that their kids have been discussing teeth and the importance of brushing our teeth each and every day. We can't begin to tell you how exciting it is to hear such news! We love that our kids are taking in all of this new knowledge and are excited to share with you. This kind of enthusiasm reminds us how special this class is and how lucky we are to have such wonderful kids!

We started the study by discovering the simple anatomy of a tooth. You may have heard your child implementing enamel, dentin, and pulp into their vocabulary. These three vocabulary words were used to guide our learning of what makes a tooth a tooth. Once we created a simple foundation, we continued our discovery of the anatomy by creating our very own tooth diagrams. You may have noticed these diagrams hanging up in our library. Each child cut out parts of a tooth and glued them onto each other to create their diagram. They then proceeded to label the tooth with the proper anatomy terms. In this lesson, we were able to incorporate not only hands-on learning but also scissor and gluing skills, as well as the continuation of our letter writing skills. We love how tooth diagrams turned out. Each one is a little unique, just like our kids in the Branch room!

We continued this study by discussing how to keep our teeth strong and healthy. The kids discovered that healthy foods lead to healthy teeth. We played a lot of games to help engage the kids in this part of the study. One of the games we played was showing cards of different types of food. The kids then had to label the food as healthy or unhealthy for their teeth. We discovered that vegetables are great for our teeth; while sugar can be harmful. But of course, the 'harmful' foods were always okay in moderation when paired with a good teeth brushing! We were able to incorporate some fun videos and songs to help us learn how to brush our teeth. These songs had our kids dancing around, while also pretending to brush their teeth in up, down and all around motions. These songs helped prove that the Branch kids have some of the sweetest dance moves!

Since we were studying teeth, we had the great opportunity to transform our home center into our very own dental office. We provided the children with scrubs, phones, clipboards to make appointments or write doctor notes, and some various dental tools like toothbrushes and bibs. The kids loved being able to

work side-by-side together in the dentist office! We are proud to say that all of our lovies in the classroom have beautiful, clean teeth all thanks to our Brancher dentists.

To conclude our teeth study, we performed a science experiment to tie in all the information we had learned over the month into one extremely fun activity. This experiment incorporated hard boiled eggs to represent our teeth. We dunked one of the eggs into water and the other egg into soda. Each child was given the opportunity to share what they hypothesized would happen to the eggs. After the eggs soaked for a few days, we pulled them out to observe if anything had changed. We quickly discovered that the egg soaked in soda had changed into a dark brown color, while the egg in water had remained white. We discussed how the shell of the eggs is like the enamel on our teeth. Both are white and both are designed to protect what is on the inside. Through further exploration, we came to the conclusion that if we had sugary foods, like the soda, and didn't brush our teeth regularly, our teeth could very much look like the egg soaked in water. We were once again reminded that healthy foods, like water, are not only healthy for our teeth, but our whole bodies as well!

As you can see we had a very fun month! Incorporating teeth into our various activity stations was a great way to engage our students in learning, while also playing and working our imaginations. Who knew teeth could be so fun? Although February went by way too quickly, we are excited to welcome the month of March! This month will be all about... RAINBOWS and WEATHER! We are excited for you and the kids to see what we have up our sleeves.



-Ms. Kenzie, Ms. Heather & Ms. Stacie

Reminders-

- March 2- First Friday
- March 14- Leprechaun Arrives
- March 26- Book Fair Week

Please make sure your child comes to school with a thick jacket, gloves, hats, as well as snow shoes and pants. We have finally received a taste of winter and want to ensure that all of our children can experience the joys of snow while staying safe and warm.

Our cubbies are beginning to look a little cramped. With all of our winter gear, it is becoming harder and harder to fit everything into our cubby areas! **We would appreciate if each child brought only one lovie, one small blanket, and one small pillow for naptime.** Thank you!!

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RADICAL WRITING, RAINBOWS & RAIN CLOUDS

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
TISSUE PAPER	RAINBOW	PLANT	WHAT IS	HAPPY	
TWIST	COLOR	A	A	BIRTHDAY	
RAINBOW	WHEEL	RAINBOW	RAINBOW?	DR. SEUSS!	
GREEN	MARCH	SHADES	TASTE	ADD	
SHAMROCK	MAGNIFY	OF GREEN	THE	SUBTRACT	
SHINE	GREEN GLASS	TIE DYE	RAINBOW	RAINBOW	
RAINBOW	RAINDROPS	THE	SHAMROCK	SHAMROCK	
COLOR	VS.	CLOUD	SEARCH &	RAINBOW	
GRAPHING	WAX PAPER	BOOK	PRESS	LINK UP	
CLOUDY WITH A	WINDY	I WRITE.	CLOUDY	CLOUD	
CHANCE OF	WEATHER	YOU WRITE.	CLOUD	TRACE &	
MEATBALLS!	PREDICTIONS	WE WRITE.	RECOGNITION	LACE	
			READING	HOW DID YOUR	
			WRITING	RAINBOW	
			RAINBOWS	GROW?	

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