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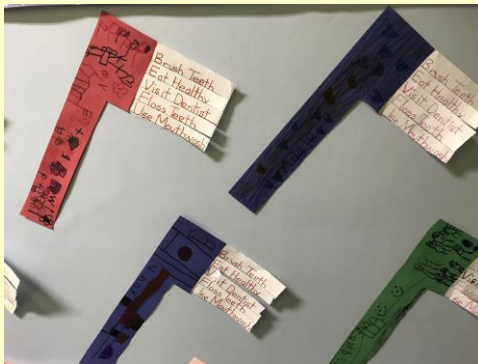
Pre-K 4/Room 104

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Ms. Natalie's Newsletter

Themes

With it being dental health month, students are learning about teeth and how to take care of them. *How Many Teeth* is a great book to introduce this concept because it goes over the development of teeth through life and the uses of front and back teeth. Students were excited to learn about how they will lose their baby teeth and grow adult teeth and had many experiences to share. We have a few students who have lost teeth and many shared their experiences at the dentist. We discussed why it is important to brush their teeth twice a day, go to the dentist every year, use mouthwash and floss, and eat healthy food. Students made toothbrushes and on the bristles, they wrote these five important ways to keep teeth healthy. Students played a game where they used marshmallows for teeth and rolled a dice to determine how many teeth went into the mouth. Students were excited to take home a new toothbrush and toothpaste to use at home!



Stories

How Many Teeth by Paul Showers

Clark the Shark: Tooth Trouble by Bruce Hale

How to Catch the Tooth Fairy by Adam Wallace

Curious George Visits the Dentist by Margaret & H. A. Rey's

Activities

Language Arts: Along with reviewing letters N-P, we began the unit in *Happily Ever After* centered on the book *The Tug of War*. This story is about a clever turtle who challenged his jungle friends to a game of tug of war to show that being smart was just as good as being strong. We listened to the story and learned about the concepts we will be working with this unit: orange, arrow, up, down, wide, and thin. Students made their own books and answered comprehension questions.

Math: In small groups, students were practicing writing numbers 1-20. The teachers were working closely with them so they can learn the correct way to write each number. Students filled in the missing numbers in order from 1-20. One way to practice this at home is to use dry erase markers and boards.

Religion: This week, we studied Chapter 28: We Celebrate Lent. Students listened to a version of the prodigal son story and learned how we should ask for forgiveness during Lent. They learned a song about Lent and how we participate in fasting, alms giving, and sacrifice during it. On Friday, the Preschool classes had a prayer service at Church where we sang this song and learned more about why Lent and Easter are so special.