LEARNING AT HOME

Brushing Teeth

Math
- How many teeth do you have? Count how many teeth you have lost.
- How many items are used in brushing teeth?
- How long is your toothbrush? The toothpaste tube? Which one is longer? Which one is heavier?
- How would we measure out mouthwash? (length or volume)

Vocabulary
- Discuss what oral hygiene is. Talk about what good practices of oral hygiene are.
- Talk about what a dentist and hygienist is. How are they similar? Different?
- What does it mean to rinse after your brush your teeth?
- What is floss? What is its purpose?
- Discuss what mouthwash it and its purpose?
- Talk about what tooth decay is. What are the different ways we can prevent tooth decay?
- Use appropriate terminology when brushing teeth. (brush, rinse, mouthwash, floss, etc.)

Books to Listen To
• The Berenstain Bears Visit the Dentist https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mO82L_brx2o
• Little Rabbit’s Loose Tooth https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8PWCqbOeniw

Discussion Topics
- Why should we turn off the water after we wet the toothbrush?
- Why is it important to keep our teeth healthy?
- What people in our community help keep our teeth healthy? (dentists & hygienists)
- What is the difference between tooth and teeth?

Reading & Writing
• Discuss or write down the steps involved in brushing teeth. Talk about what the effects might be if a step is skipped.
• Compare and contrast dentists and hygienist with medical doctors and nurses.