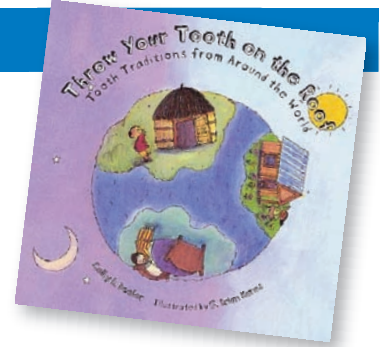


Throw Your Tooth on the Roof

RIF EXTENSION ACTIVITIES FOR EDUCATORS



THE UGLY TOOTH



Have students write a story or draw a picture based on the following prompt:

“Uh-oh! The tooth fairy is sick, and she wants *you* to fill in for her for the day. What happens during your day as the tooth fairy?”

SURVEY SAYS



How many baby teeth have your students lost? Make a bar graph or pie chart showing how many of your students have lost how many teeth.

“EGG”SPERIMENT

Materials: 1 hardboiled egg (with shell), vinegar, clear jar

Fill the jar with vinegar. Point out the hard shell on the egg—explain that it protects the egg like *enamel* protects our teeth. Place the egg in the jar. Have students predict what will happen to it. Cover and let sit for 48 hours. Open the jar and remove the egg. What does it look like? What happened to the shell? Explain that the acid in the vinegar damaged the egg shell, just like the acid in food damages your teeth if you don't brush twice a day!



BRUSHING UP ON SHAPES

Materials: paper, paint, toothbrushes

Let students try painting with old toothbrushes! Have them paint as many different shapes as they can think of. Remind them that it's okay to overlap different shapes and colors.

HEALTHY COLLAGE

Materials: paper, glue, scissors, magazines and food advertisements

Divide a sheet of paper in half. Draw a smiling tooth on one side and a frowning tooth on the other. Cut out pictures of food. Glue healthful, low sugar foods on the smiling tooth side. Put high sugar foods on the frowning tooth side. This activity can be done as a whole group or by individuals (though younger students may need help cutting).

