DENTISTRY

Field guide for educators

HEALTHY HABITS CONFIDENT SMILES

DEMONSTRATE • INVESTIGATE • IDENTIFY



GRADES K-5

Subject Connections:
Science • Math • ELA
Social Studies • Art • STEM

ABOUT THE EXHIBIT

Gainesville Dental Group has proudly served the Gainesville community by providing comprehensive dental care for patients of all ages. Our mission is to create healthy, confident smiles through education, prevention, and compassionate treatment.

Exhibit Partner

The Gainesville Dental Group

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ESSENTIAL QUESTION

What is the importance of good dental hygiene?

GEORGIA STANDARDS CONNECTIONS

SCIENCE

S5L3 Cells, tissues, organs, and systems.
S5L4 Helpful and harmful microorganisms Explore materials and make observations.

MATH

K.NR.1-2 Count and compare teeth
2.MD-4.MD. Measure and track brushing time
K.DA-5.DA Sort and interpret health data.

ELA

K-5.C1. Ask, answer, and discuss.
ELA K-5.R.2. Main ideas and key details
ELA K-5.W.2 Explain healthy dental habits.

SOCIAL STUDIES

SSKE1 Community jobs.
SSKE3 Rules and responsibilities
SS1E1. Goods and services.
SS1E3 Work and income.

DENTISTRY VOCABULARY

ENAMEL–The hard, outer layer that covers the crown of a tooth.

CALCULUS (TARTER) – Hardened plaque that sticks to teeth and requires professional removal.

GINGIVITIS – An early stage of gum disease that causes swollen or bleeding gums.

EXTRACTION – The professional removal of a tooth.

CAVITY –A permanently damaged, hole-like opening that forms in the hard outer layer of a tooth due to tooth decay.

PLAQUE – a sticky, colorless-to-pale-yellow film of bacteria that constantly forms on your teeth. It is the primary cause of cavities and gum disease.

STUDENTS WILL...

- Learn why healthy teeth are important
- Learn how cavities form
- Learn proper brushing & flossing techniques
- Learn about healthy food choices
- Learn the benefits of regular dental visits.

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SCAVENGER HUNT!

Find these items in the Dentistry Exhibit!

- ○ A dental teeth model
- ○ A dental tool
- ○ A dental mirror
- ○ Flossing instruction



MUSEUM CHALLENGE

Practice brushing on oversized model teeth. Identify healthy and unhealthy foods for teeth.



CAREER CONNECTION

The dental field offers many exciting careers that combine science, healthcare, technology, and helping others improve their health and confidence.

- ✓ **Dentist**
- ✓ **Dental hygienist**
- ✓ **Dental lab technician**
- ✓ **Orthodontist**
- ✓ **Oral surgeon**
- ✓ **Pediatric dentist**

TAKE IT FURTHER
BACK IN THE CLASSROOM

- Brush your teeth for two minutes twice a day
- Create a toothbrushing chart
- Read books about visiting the dentist
- Eat tooth-friendly snacks like cheese, apples, carrots, and yogurt.

Scan or Click Me

Watch a video to see how dentistry comes to life!

DID YOU KNOW

Your teeth are the only part of your body that cannot heal themselves. It cannot grow back or repair itself once it breaks, cracks, or decays because it is non-living.

THANK YOU

for inspiring the next generation of dental care professionals!

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