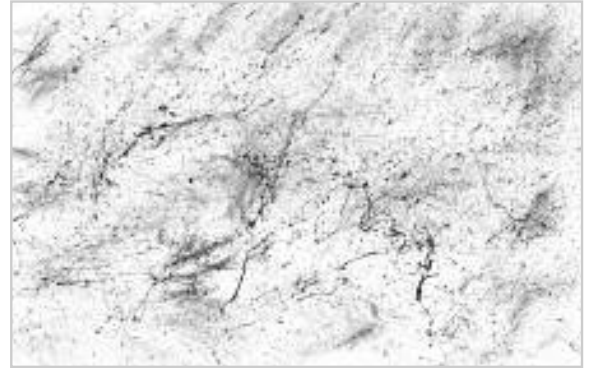


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You can purchase tooth-saver necklaces from Oriental Trading Company. Order online at www.oriental.com. The necklaces come in packages of 144 for under \$10.

Splatter Painting

With this activity students will enjoy dipping their toothbrushes into something other than toothpaste. Prepare your center or work area by covering it with newspaper, laying down sheets of white paper, and setting out a few colors of water-based paint. Make sure students are wearing art smocks and invite them to visit the center a few at a time. Show them how to dip toothbrushes into different colors of paint and flick the bristles with their fingers to create paint splatters on the paper.



Book Break

Arthur Tricks the Tooth Fairy

by Marc Brown (Random House, 1988)

Arthur tries to trick the tooth fairy by putting a fake tooth under his pillow. Share the story, then have students follow the recipe (right) to make toothpaste putty that they can use to create their own fake teeth. *Tooth Fairy* by Audrey Wood (Child's Play, Ltd.) is another good choice for this activity, as it features a character who tries a similar trick. For added fun, bring a pillow into the classroom and let students put their fake teeth under it. Before school the next day, place a note from the tooth fairy under the pillow with the following rhyme:

**I thought at first that they were real,
And almost left a prize.
But at closer look I knew the truth
For I am very wise!**