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From the author/illustrator of *The Scrambled States of America*, here is a fun-filled introduction to teeth.

"Before the principal's announcements, will you all please stand and recite our pledge: 'I pledge allegiance to this mouth and to the dentist who takes care of us. And to the gums on which we stand, strong and healthy, with toothbrushes and toothpaste for all.'"

It's time for tooth school and Dr. Flossman is excited to meet the incoming class of 32--eight incisors, four canines, eight premolars, and twelve molars, including the four wisdom teeth. There's just so much to learn--from brushing and flossing to dentin and pulp to every student's nightmare: tooth decay!

Best read with a toothbrush in hand, this hilarious book is full of interesting facts (for instance, George Washington's teeth were not made of wood, despite popular belief) and a classroom full of quirky characters. Young readers will laugh their way to a better appreciation for those pearly whites that beckon them to brush. And from there it's just a short hop to flossing.

This title has Common Core connections.

Open Wide: Tooth School Inside Details

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Jessica says

Open Wide, tooth school inside, is one of my favorite books from childhood. Go to tooth school where you will learn all about teeth in the day of the life of a tooth. The illustrations are done in a collage way that presents additional information within the pictures. Every page is unique and different and makes reading and learning about teeth fun. This book makes me smile with every turn of the page. This would be a great book for teachers to have in the classroom because it is very educational in a child friendly manner. The additional text within this book makes it better for an individual read rather than a read aloud. I also really enjoyed how this book had true false and multiple choice questions in the back. This book could be an assigned read for a tooth unit or right before Halloween to educate kids about what candy does to your teeth, then have a quiz with the resources found in the back of the book. I absolutely love this book. Every time I read it I find something new that I hadn't seen before. It is absolutely brilliant and will always be available on my bookshelf for others to enjoy it as much as I do.

Chloe Kim says

This was so interesting! I loved it!

Yusra Faridi says

This book takes place inside a tooth school, and describes a day in the life of a tooth. The book teaches everything from brushing to flossing, as well as about the different types of teeth. This book is full of information and interesting facts about our teeth and does a great job at encouraging young children to brush and floss daily in order to retain healthy teeth. I found this book incredibly humorous and informational; I believe students would enjoy it as well. The pictures are not only colorful and entertaining, but they also add to the content of the book by giving out more fun facts to the readers. This is a good one to use in the classroom because it includes some questions for readers in the back that the children will enjoy answering.

Pita-eater says

This story follows a set of teeth in Tooth School, while sometimes subtly and sometimes not so subtly teaching children about oral hygiene. Laurie Keller uses lovely collage art like in her other books, but also includes some photographs of teeth (I didn't really like the teeth/mouth flower - creepy). Keller's sense of humor is hilarious, and I loved all of the little details and comments outside of the story and in the margins.

Amy says

One day, when my niece was in kindergarten (4 years ago now!), the dentist came to school and taught the children about dental hygiene. I would have a hard time believing that any child has come away from the dental hygiene unit as excited as my niece. She came home and drew a person with an itty bitty body and an enormous head full of teeth, along with his huge red toothbrush overflowing with toothpaste. She used her little two minute timer diligently (until her conscientiousness kept causing her mother to miss the bus). From that day to this, my niece has maintained that she wants to be a dentist when she grows up. Or a demolition derby driver. Apparently she's keeping her options open.

I checked out *Open Wide : Tooth School Inside* for my niece knowing that she would think it was great. She enjoyed this book a great deal, especially the pages in which she learned what teeth are made of, what each type of tooth is called and what those teeth do when we eat (incisors cut, canines tear, premolars crush, and molars grind), and she enjoyed learning what baby teeth are good for (more than one might expect).

The book probably sits at about 3.5 stars for me, because it isn't an easy book to read aloud. The pages are *packed* with text that runs unbridled all over the pages, illustrations that are popping with detail, and all kinds of funny little bits that are easy to miss in a read aloud situation. This is a book that works best when time is taken to really examine each page. There is a lot of good, entertaining, and informative stuff here, though, and I do hope that this book will at least help to influence my niece more toward dentistry, and less toward her more recent consideration of career options in the world of junk car mash ups.

Sally says

Fun book with lots of dental information presented in an engaging manner.

Krista the Krazy Kataloguer says

This book contained a lot of good information on teeth and how to take care of them, but it got lost in all the too-busy illustrations and cutsie text around which the information was built. The concept of following a class of teeth through a day at school as they learn about themselves is novel, and with different illustrations it might have worked. The quizzes at the end were a nice feature, though.

Camie says

My kids LOVE this book. We've only had it about a week and they've gone crazy with it. I know some people have a problem with all the side narrative, but...it's what keeps my kiddos interested and it really ties in with humor the educational part of the book. It's full of fun facts and presents a learning opportunity in an attention catching way. I don't know how else my kids would've enjoyed learning about all their different teeth - and...they're much more eager to brush.

Haley Hoenke says

Science, Anatomy, Health

Amanda says

1. No award
 2. Kindergarten - Grade 3
 3. Go on an educational story adventure with Dr. Flossman about exploring and learning about parts of our teeth and maintaining cleanliness. He goes over the parts of a tooth, what kinds of teeth we have, what cavity is and how to maintain healthy looking and feeling teeth. With Dr. Flossman's knowledge, our teeth will be kept nice and clean.
 4. I enjoyed reading this informative friendly book about teeth. This is a different form of a typical boring informational text because its component is written in story form which is more interesting for young readers. I enjoy how the text font style, color and size varies throughout the book to give greater or lesser and an energetic component to reading this book.
 5. This book can be used in the classroom to expose children to a friendlier version of an informational text and teach them about personal hygiene.
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Ashlee says

Open Wide: Tooth School Inside, is a nonfiction childrens book written by Laurie Keller. This book acts as if the children are at a tooth school. The teacher is Dr. Flossman and he teaches the children about brushing their teeth. This is a great book to teach children about dental health. It engages the children because it teaches them at a child level of talking. It uses great illustration to encourage the children to brush their teeth. This book will be on my book shelf in my classroom. It is important to teach children about dental health because some children are not fortunate enough to go to the dentist.

Tiffany says

Another Laurie Keller book that doesn't disappoint! Our whole family loves her humor and all the little characters that she adds to each page that have little side comments. This book was a perfect supplement to our study of the body and dental health. It taught/reinforced some facts while making us laugh!

Karla Winick-Ford says

Kids may like this and it may be great for home. But, it's varied format, varied text and illustrations make this a difficult read aloud. Not at all recommended.

Kelly says

Very fun way to learn the basics of teeth.

jacky says

The kids watched this one over and over on one of their Scholastic stories DVDs. Natalie got the book out at her next library day. The kids liked the humor.
