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SUBJECT: FUNCTIONS OF THE MOUTH

Dear Parent:

Today your child learned about the many ways people use their mouth. The mouth is used to chew, to speak, and to smile. Your child's baby teeth are very important. They save space for the permanent teeth to grow in straight and healthy. They also help your child learn to speak clearly.

To help your child remember the important uses of the mouth, you and your child might go through old newspapers or magazines and cut out pictures of people who are using their mouth. Have your child describe the ways the mouth is being used in the pictures you find.

Head Start is concerned with helping your child have a good self-image, and we know you want that also. A good self-image helps children to succeed. Happy smiles with healthy teeth are important in creating that good self-image.

Sincerely,

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