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The Story of Molar City

by Dr. Christopher Madani, DDS

It was a nice, humid day in molar city. All the good little bacteria were going about their lives and helping one another. All except for one bacterium: Mr. Cavity. Mr. Cavity and his stinky breath. Nobody wanted to talk to Mr. Cavity. Nobody wanted to be seen with Mr. Cavity. Nobody wanted to be Mr. Cavity's friend. Mr. Cavity felt all alone in Molar City.

One day, Mr. Cavity didn't want to be alone anymore. He decided he would go out and try to make friends. First, he went to his neighbor's house, Streptococcus Bob. Bob said, "Stay away from me Mr. Cavity, I don't want to be friends with you!" Mr. Cavity left Bob alone, but as he left, the ground behind him turned from a bright shade of white to a nasty shade of brown.

Next, Mr. Cavity went to the storekeeper, Streptococcus Joe. He said, "Hi Joe, want to be my friend?"

Joe said, "Get out of my store you stinking cavity!" Mr. Cavity went from hopeful, to angry. As he left Joe's store, more of molar city started to turn brown. Mr. Cavity, in his anger, wanted to start turning everything brown. All the other bacteria were afraid.

And then, all of a sudden Kaboom! Captain Toothbrush appeared with his Flossy Sidekick! Mr. Cavity shouted, "You cannot stop me! BAD BREATH ATTACK!" Captain Toothbrush appeared unaffected. Mr. Cavity shouted, "This will show you!" and shot his Cavity Ray at Captain Toothbrush and Flossy. Captain Toothbrush again appeared unaffected.

Mr. Cavity realized there was nothing he could do to stop Captain Toothbrush and Flossy. He was cornered, alone, and afraid. But then, something peculiar happened.

Captain Toothbrush and Flossy wrapped themselves tightly around Mr. Cavity to give him a hug.

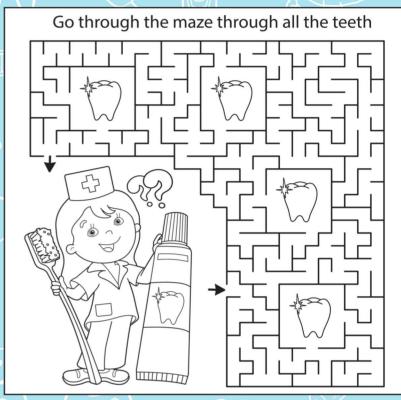
"It's okay Mr. Cavity," said Captain Toothbrush.

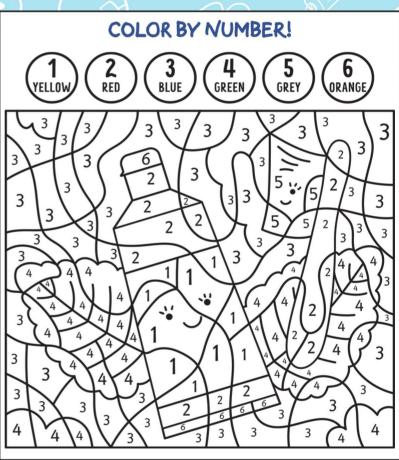
"We'll be your friends," said Flossy.

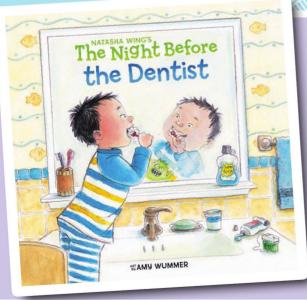
Mr. Cavity couldn't believe what was happening. He finally had

friends. Mr. Cavity started to cry. Because of this act of kindness, Mr. Cavity decided from that point on he would stop destroying Molar City, instead, he would dedicate the rest of his bacterium life to bringing everyone together to live in peace and harmony.









OCTOBER BOOK REVIEW

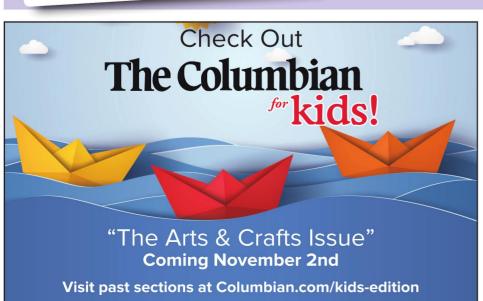
The Night Before the Dentist by Natasha Wing

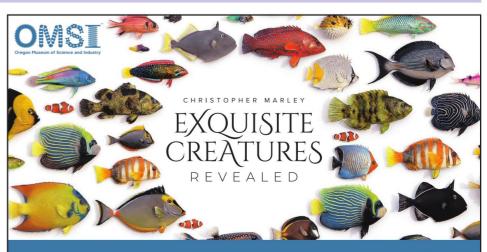
Join a boy as he gets ready the night before his dentist's appointment. Then, go along with him and his family while he sees the dentist. He plays in the waiting room, picks out polish flavor, has his teeth checked, and then gets x-rays. With rhyming text, this picture book is fun to learn about a dentist visit. The artwork throughout the book has bright and creative pictures, including some dancing

toothbrushes. Kids will enjoy this read-aloud book. And while the dentist might not be everyone's favorite place to visit, *The Night Before the Dentist* shows that it's not scary and can actually be a little ticklish.

Book review by Ashlyn Madani







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