

Oral Health

In January 2010, EEC issued new regulations for preschool programs that included a requirement that educators assist children with brushing their teeth if children are in care for more than four hours or if children have a meal while in care. This regulation is intended to:

- Help children learn about the importance of good oral health
- Provide information and resources regarding good oral health to child care programs and families
- Help address the high incidence of tooth decay among young children in Massachusetts, which is associated with numerous health risks.

EEC licensed programs must comply with this regulation. However, parents may choose that their child(ren) not participate in tooth brushing while present at our preschool program. This regulation only applies to our FULL DAY Programs.

Please fill out the form below. This form must be renewed annually. Should you change your mind at any time in the school year, please complete a new form indicating your new choice. Thank you.

Smith Mills Preschool and Kindergarten

Child's Name: _____

Yes – I would like my child to participate.

No – I do not wish my child to participate in tooth brushing at school.

Parent/Guardian's Name: _____

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

If you have any questions or concerns, please call contact Gwen at 508-992-2472.