

Early Childhood and School Age Outreach

DID YOU KNOW?

- Children with early childhood decay are **at risk** of getting more decay. It goes beyond pain and infection. It can affect **speech**, capacity to eat certain foods, ability to **learn** and **self-esteem**.
- Tooth decay is the **number one childhood disease**. It is **five times** more common than asthma **seven times** more common than hay fever.
- Recent oral health needs assessment results showed that **46.9%** of children between **K-5** and **3rd** grade had **experienced tooth decay**.
- **Nutrition** plays a big role in early childhood decay. **What** a child eats and **how often** they eat contributes to the tooth decay process.

