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Dental Development... What to Expect and When

As a sign of general development, an infant's tooth is a significant event. But that first tooth is also the signal that an important process, dental development, has begun!

The process goes on for a long time. Teething occurs almost constantly for about two years. Then, there is a short break before the permanent teeth start coming in around the age of 6. Nearly all permanent teeth come in between the ages of 6 and 12.

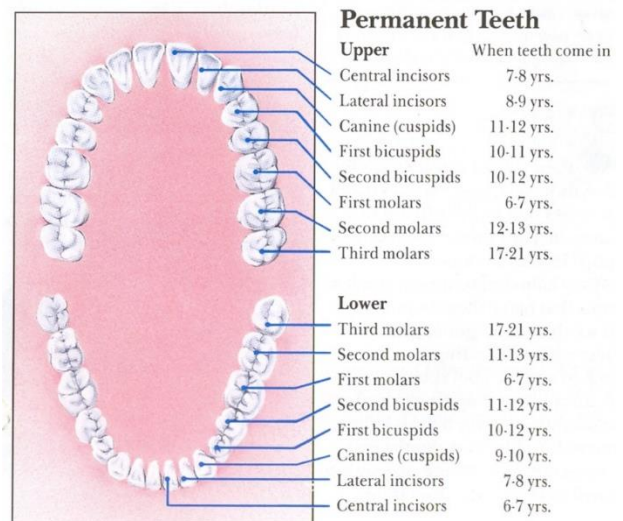
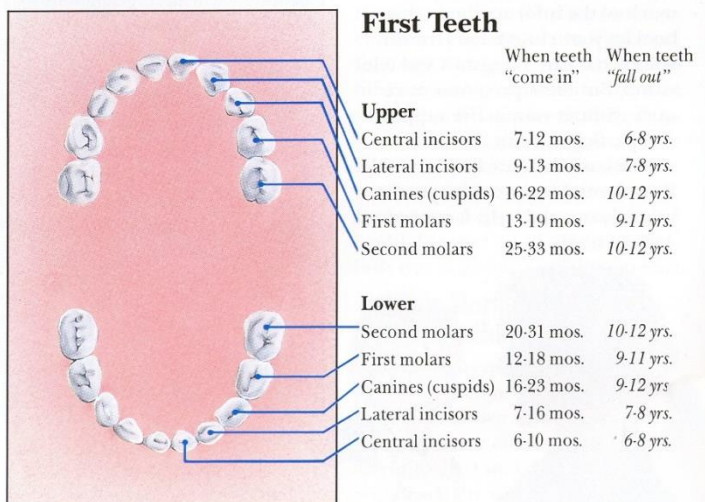
Have a look at the following eruption charts. A lot is going on, and all of it is critical to your child's development.

First teeth are vital in helping your child eat and learn to speak properly. Healthy teeth also play an essential role in how children look and how their look affects how they feel about themselves.

First teeth hold space for permanent teeth and help guide them into the correct position. They also contribute to healthy jaw development by guiding it into place. Permanent teeth can become crowded when the first teeth are removed before their time. If the first teeth develop deep cavities, the infection can spread to the developing permanent teeth underneath.

The eruption charts show you when teeth come in and when they are due to fall out. Ages given are averages, and children can vary in their dental development from the norm.

Eruption Charts



Thank you, and if there are any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact the office.