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Practice Terminology and Parent Guidelines

Dear Parents:

In order to improve the chances of your child having a positive experience in our office, we are selective in our use of words. We try to avoid words that scare the child due to previous experiences. Please support us by NOT USING negative words that are often used for dental care. These include:

PLEASE DO NOT USE THESE WORDS:

NEEDLE or SHOT

DRILL

YANK OR PULL TOOTH

DRILL ON TOOTH

DECAY, CAVITY

EXAMINATION

TOOTH CLEANING

EXPLORER

RUBBER DAM

GAS

WE PREFER TO USE THESE WORDS:

SLEEPY JUICE

WHISTLE

WIGGLE A TOOTH OUT

CLEAN OFF THE SUGAR BUGS

SUGAR BUGS

COUNT TEETH

TICKLE TEETH

TOOTH COUNTER/TOOTHPICK

RAINCOAT

MAGIC AIR/SPECIAL AIR

This will help you understand your child's description of the dental experience. Our intention is not to "FOOL" the child - it is to create an experience that is positive. We appreciate your cooperation in helping us build a good attitude for your child!

You may choose whether or not to remain in the waiting room during your child's filling appointment. Although we sense that some children do better without parents present, we are open to having you with your child. If you choose to be present, we suggest the following guidelines to improve chances of a positive outcome.

Allow us to prepare your child

Be supportive of the practice's terminology

Please be a silent observer

Allow us to maintain communication with your child

If you are asked to leave the room walk out immediately

These are very important ways that you can actively help in the success of your child's visit. We are confident that all will go well and hope the guidelines will help prepare you with confidence for the upcoming appointment.

Date _____ Signature _____