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POSITIVE DENTAL TERMINOLOGY

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:

DON'T USE

needle or shot
drill
drill on tooth
pull or yank tooth
decay, cavity
examination
tooth cleaning
explorer
rubber dam
gas
pain-hurt

OUR EQUIVALENT

sleepy water
whistle or water toothbrush
wash tooth
wiggle a tooth out
sugar bugs
count teeth
tickle teeth or brush teeth
tooth counter
raincoat
laughing gas / happy air
discomfort

This will also help you understand your child's description of the filling 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!