

# PRACTICE 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  
Gas

## OUR EQUIVALENT

Sleepy juice  
Whistle  
Clean a tooth  
Wiggle a tooth out  
Dirty spot  
Count teeth  
Tickle teeth  
Tooth counter  
Happy air

This will also help you understand your child's description of the operative experience (fillings, stainless steel crowns, extractions, etc.). 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!