



# Tooth Berry Kids DENTAL

## 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  
Topical anesthesia  
Drill  
Drill on tooth  
Pull or Yank tooth  
Decay, cavity  
Examination  
Teeth Cleaning  
Explorer  
Rubber dam  
Gas (Nitrous)  
Suction  
Saliva ejector

### OUR EQUIVALENT

Sleepy juice  
Sleepy gel  
Water splasher  
Clean the tooth  
Wiggle a tooth out  
Sugar bugs  
Count teeth  
Brushing w/ special brush  
Toothpick  
Rain coat  
Laughing gas  
Mini Vacuum  
Mr. Thirsty

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.



## PARENTS GUIDELINES

Dear Parents:

You may choose whether or not you accompany your child to his/her 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 improve chances of a positive outcome:

1. Allow us to prepare your child
2. Be supportive of the practice's terminology
3. Please be a silent observer—support your child with touches
  - A. This allows us to maintain communication with your child
  - B. Children will normally listen to their parents instead of us and may not hear our guidance
  - C. You might give incorrect or misleading information
4. If asked to leave, be ready to immediately walk away
  - A. Many children will try to control the situation
  - B. "Acting out is normal", but unacceptable during treatment
  - C. This is intended to "short circuit" the control attempt
  - D. We will continue to support your child at all times

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 these guidelines will help prepare you with confidence for their upcoming appointments.

