

PRACTICE TERMINOLOGY

Dear Parents:

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	OUR EQUIVALENT
Needle or shot	Sleepy juice
Drill	Whistle
Drill on tooth	Clean a tooth
Pull or yank tooth	Wiggle a tooth out
Decay, cavity	Sugar bug
Examination	Count teeth
Tooth cleaning	Tickle teeth
Explorer	Toothpick
Rubber dam	Raincoat
Gas	Magic air

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 in your child!

