

PARENTAL GUIDELINES

DEAR PARENTS:

YOU MAY CHOOSE WHETHER TO ACCOMPANY YOUR CHILD TO HIS OR HER DENTAL 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.

1. PLEASE 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 PLEASE BE READY TO IMMEDIATELY WALK AWAY
 - a. THIS IS INTENDED TO "SHORT CIRCUIT" THE CONTROL ATTEMPT.
 - b. MANY CHILDREN WILL TRY TO CONTROL THE SITUATION.
 - c. ACTING OUT IS NORMAL BUT UNACCEPTABLE DURING DENTAL TREATMENT.
 - d. WE WILL CONTINUE TO SUPPORT YOUR CHILD AT ALL TIMES.

ALSO IMPORTANT TO REMEMBER ARE THE CHOICE OF WORDS WE USE. THEY CAN EITHER FRIGHTEN OR ENCOURAGE. BELOW IS A LIST OF DENTAL TERMINOLOGY WE MODIFY FOR CHILDREN TO CREATE A POSITIVE EXPERIENCE.

WORDS NOT TO USE:

NEEDLE OR SHOT
DRILL ON TOOTH
PULL OR YANK TOOTH
DECAY OR CAVITY
EXAMINATION
TOOTH CLEANING
EXPLORER
RUBBER DAM
GAS

SUBSTITUTE WITH:

SLEEPY JUICE
WHISTLE
WIGGLE A TOOTH OUT
SUGAR BUG
COUNT TEETH
TICKLE THE TEETH
TOOTHPICK
RAINCOAT
MAGIC AIR

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 THE UPCOMING APPOINTMENT.