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Dear Parents,

Following is a list of "Gentle Words" we use in our dental practice to help our young patients understand what to expect during treatment. These words were developed after many years of treating children and they will help familiarize them with our procedures. Our doctor and staff use these words when explaining procedures and introducing dental instruments to your child/children.

If you choose to discuss treatment with your child/children, please refer to this list. It is always good to keep a positive attitude when discussing dental treatment with your child/children so they will develop an independent and positive attitude toward dental care throughout their lives.

ADULT WORD

X-Rays
Cavity
Topical (numbing gum area)
Shot
Numb Feeling
High Speed Drill
Slow Speed Drill
Suction
Amalgam (silver filling)
Composite (white filling)
Crown
Extraction (remove tooth)
Extraction Forceps/Pliers
Sealants

GENTLE WORD

Pictures of Teeth
Plaque Bug, Tooth Bug, Sugar Bug
Jelly
Sleepy Juice or Sleepy Water
Fat, Fuzzy, Warm, Tingly, Funny Feeling
Bug Chaser, Tooth Smooter/Sweeper
Mr. Bumpy
Straw or Bug Catcher
Silver Star
White Star
Shiny Silver Hat, Protection Hat
Wiggle
Tooth Huggers, Tooth Wiggler
Tooth Paint, Raincoat