



Central Arkansas Pediatric Dentistry

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Practice Terminology

In order to improve the chances of your child having a positive experience in our office, we carefully choose our words. We avoid words that sound scary and create apprehension.

Please support us by NOT USING negative words associated with dental care.

Instead of...

Hurt
Needle or shot
Topical anesthetic
Drill
Pull or yank tooth
Decay, cavity
Examination
Tooth cleaning
Explorer
Mouth prop
Gas

Try...

Bother
Sleepy juice
Jelly
Cavity cleaner
Wiggle tooth
Sugar bug
Count you teeth
Tickle your teeth
Tooth counter
Tooth chair
Silly air

This will also help you understand your child's description of the filling experience. Our intention is not to "fool" your child—it is to create a positive experience. We appreciate your cooperation!