



Dental Terminology Used in Our Office

Words have the ability to make kids comfortable or fearful at the dentist. To help ensure that kids have a wonderful experience at our office, we use very kid friendly terminology and language. The following is a list of some of the terminology you may hear in our office during your visit and we strongly encourage you to use at home as well.

- Tickly Toothbrush = Prophylaxis Cup
- Tooth Counter = Explorer (“If you listen carefully you can hear the crickets”)
- Tooth Scratcher = Scaler
- Tooth Vitamins = Fluoride Varnish
- Pictures = X-rays
- Blanket or Cape = X-ray Apron
- “I am going to take a picture of all of your teeth at one time” = Panoramic X-Ray
- Water Squirter = Air/Water Syringe
- Wiggle = Extraction
- Mr. Sunshine = Overhead Light
- Water Whistle = High Speed Handpiece
- Mr. Bumpy = Slow Speed Handpiece
- Happy Air or Elephant Nose = Nitrous Oxide, Laughing Gas, Elephant Nose
- Princess Crown/Tooth Hat/Pirate Hat = Zirconia Crown or Stainless Steel Crown
- Sleepy Juice or Sleep Spray = Numbing/Anesthetic (We **never** say SHOT!!)
- Sleepy Jelly = Topical Anesthetic
- Paper towel or napkin = Gauze
- Tooth Paint = Fillings or Sealants
- Slobber Catcher = Isolite System
- Wake Up Water = Numbing Reversal
- Tooth String = Dental floss
- Sugar Bugs = Germs that cause cavities
- Holes in teeth caused by sugar bugs = Cavities