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At your first appointment our goal is to make your children's dental visit a pleasant, exciting, and rewarding experience.

What to Expect at the First Visit:

We will make you and your children feel welcome from the moment you step through the door. We will ask you to choose something to watch in your personal room from our big movie selection and show you around our office. While you wait to be called back we have game consoles, books, and toys to entertain you.

When it is time for your children's appointment we will clean their teeth as much as they are comfortable with, apply a fluoride treatment, and examine their mouth; which we call brushing, putting on vitamins, and counting their teeth. We will also take any appropriate radiographs, or pictures, to determine how their bones and teeth are growing. Finally, we will discuss ways to keep your children's teeth healthy and strong through oral hygiene and proper diet, while demonstrating to you and your children how to effectively clean their teeth.

We are happy to address any questions or concerns you or your children may have about their teeth, mouths, or hygiene. In addition, if further treatment is needed we will discuss those needs and plan for future visits.

After your children are done with their cleaning they can pick out a sticker, a prize, and a temporary tattoo to take home. We will then give you the opportunity to schedule your next cleaning appointment in six months, and any additional appointments that may be recommended by the doctor.

How You Should Prepare Your Children:

First and foremost, don't over-prepare your children. Let them know that the dentist is a friendly doctor who will help them keep their mouths healthy and free of 'sugar bugs'. You do not need to bribe your children. If you have a child younger than five years old we highly recommend scheduling them in the morning or at a time that does not interfere with their routine, especially naps or meals. Don't instruct your children on how they should behave; telling them not to cry or be afraid. Limit other appointments or errands before the dental visit so the day does not feel too busy or rushed. Finally, relax and let us do all the work. It is our job to make sure your children's visits are fun and as pleasant as possible.