



Dear Parent,

Welcome to Danville Pediatric Dentistry! We are honored and privileged that you have selected our practice for your child's oral health care.

As a pediatric specialty practice, our mission is to make every effort to provide a safe, friendly and fun atmosphere while administering excellent dental care that meets each child's individual needs. We are here to create a team approach with our parents and children so that we can maintain a healthy and happy smile to last a lifetime.

All of us here at Danville Pediatric Dentistry believe that comprehensive dental care is the best way to ensure a lifetime of good oral health for your child. For you and your child this means we will not only diagnose any dental needs, but we will educate you on how to prevent cavities from forming. Using age appropriate milestones and anticipatory guidance, our staff will educate you about what to expect during each stage of dental development and how to maintain your child's healthy smile. We will discuss your child's diet, oral habits and hygiene practices at each check-up appointment.

We understand that a visit to the dentist can be frightening for some children, but we hope to alleviate most fears through patience, empathy and education. But we cannot do it alone. Your role as a parent is essential in preparing your child for their dental visit.

We encourage you to frame their upcoming visit to the dentist as a positive experience. For example, a simple statement the night before might include, "Tomorrow we are going to meet your new dentist. She really likes children and will look at your teeth and bright smile." Let your child know that we will explain all procedures and will answer all of his or her questions. We will introduce the equipment we may be using, such as the "tooth counter" (dental explorer), "Barbie or Superman mirror" (mouth mirror), "Miss Sunshine" (dental light) and "Mr. Thirsty" (mouth suction). Please avoid fearful phrases and anxiety producing words such as "it won't hurt", "I won't let the doctor hurt you", "shot", "drill" or "needle". This may cause unnecessary anxiety. Remember, you can easily transmit your past dental fears.

Please do not hesitate to let us know if you have any special concerns or if there is something in particular we can do to make your child as comfortable as possible.

Please find enclosed a health history form for your review. Please fill it out completely and bring it with you the day of the visit. If you have dental insurance, please provide us with the social security number of the insured parent, the name of your insurance company, their address and your group number.

We look forward to seeing you on \_\_\_\_\_!

Dr. Ozzie Jafarnia and Staff  
Danville Pediatric Dentistry