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## WELCOME TO OUR OFFICE

### We Welcome You To Our Office

We are so very pleased that you have selected us to care for your child's dental health. Our office has been especially designed for modern pediatric dental care. The space station theme is child friendly and inviting to all ages of children. Our doctors will do their utmost to make your child's visit here a pleasant one.

### The Initial Appointment

Your child will receive a thorough oral examination at their first office visit. This exam will include a visual examination of all the teeth and oral tissues by one of our pediatric dentists. X-rays may be recommended if it is deemed necessary to introduce children to pediatric dentistry with terms they can relate to according to their age. For younger children, we use terms like "count the teeth" for the examination and "taking pictures" for taking x-rays. We find this approach serves as a good orientation and introduction to pediatric dental care.

### Consultation

The doctor will consult with you following your child's examination. If you have any special concerns, please alert our staff before the exam. The following will be discussed with you after our exam

- Any dental problems your child may have, their causes and what treatment recommendations, if any, are needed.
- Introduction to preventative pediatric dentistry and our staff's goal to have your child grow up cavity free.
- Answer to any questions you may have regarding your child's dental health.

If your child is suffering from a toothache, treatment may be started at the initial appointment if time and behavior permits. Please inform us if your child has a dental need that requires immediate attention.

### Emergency Treatment

In the event of a dental emergency, after hours treatment is available by calling our office at **858-452-7272**. Our answering service is available 24 hours a day and they will assist you in contacting the doctor on call.

### Office Hours

We are open 7AM to 5PM Monday-Friday and 8AM to 2PM on some Saturdays. We are closed for some major holidays and may also be closed at times when the doctors and staff are attending continuing education programs to increase our skills and keep abreast of the latest techniques so we may better serve you.