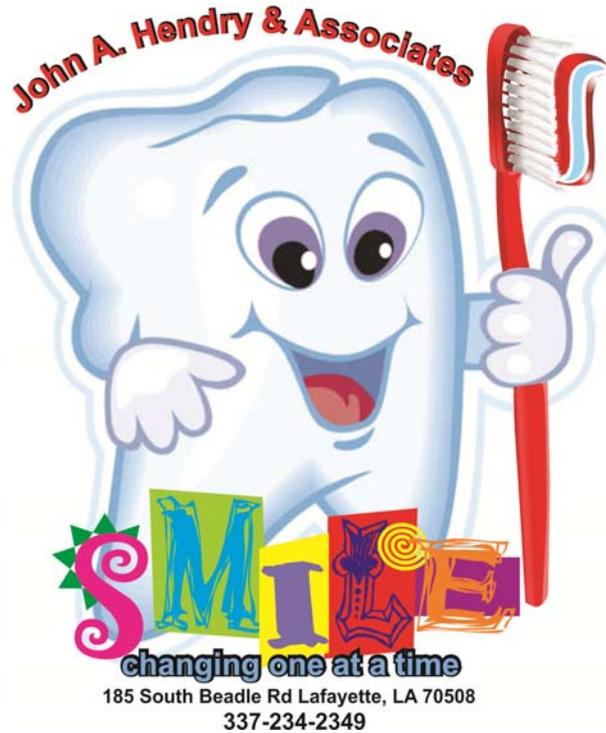


# To Begin A Journey

A Professional Dental Corporation



Most children are somewhat apprehensive prior to any new and unfamiliar event. Whether this is your child's first visit or not, he may experience some anxiety about the dental appointment. Because of this, it is our desire to help him in understanding what is involved. The following suggestions are offered to enable you to better prepare him for his journey.

1. Please do not be upset if your child cries. This is a normal reaction to anything new and unfamiliar. Through kindness and understanding we hope to overcome any apprehension your child may have.
2. Make it a point now and in the future to eliminate from your dental vocabulary such words as hurt, grind, drill, needle, shot, etc. Every possible effort will be made on our part to make the dental treatment as pleasant as possible. The important thing- is to do dentistry carefully and thoroughly. Dentistry for children is a very important health service.

3. It is important to convey the feeling to your child that dental visits are part of GROWING UP.
4. The doctor and dental staff will explain what treatment will be done before it happens. Any questions you may have concerning your child's dental appointment will be answered at your child's dental exam.

**REMEMBER:**

1. If a child's mouth is to develop and grow properly, the first (primary) teeth must be healthy. Please realize that x-rays and models, when necessary, enable and condition a patient for treatment. Certainly this is an easier introduction to dentistry than rushing into the mouth with the drill or extracting a tooth.
2. A clinical examination will take place at every visit. X-rays will only be taken at appropriate age intervals.
3. The teeth will be cleaned, fluoride applied and immediately following, a consultation on your child's health needs will be held. If needed, cost estimates for future treatment will be given to you at this time. Appointments may be scheduled for further treatment or the next cleaning at check out time with the business staff.
4. Please notify us at least 24 hours in advance should any appointments need to be rescheduled. Broken or rescheduled appointments may result in serious delay in treatment.