Things to Remember:

➔ **Honesty**: Be honest with your child and explain as much as you can about their surgery and the hospital. It’s important to provide information at your child’s level of understanding.

➔ **Arrive**: Please arrive at your scheduled time to avoid cancellation.

➔ **Call**: Call your doctor in advance if your child has a cough, is sick, or has been exposed to the chicken pox.

➔ **Arrange**: Please make arrangements for siblings on the day of surgery. If you are in-patient they may visit afterwards as long as they are healthy.

➔ **Comfort**: Children are encouraged to bring an item from home such as a blanket, stuffed animal, toy, or book.

➔ **Relax**: It’s important to relax as much as possible. When caregivers are stressed children are too.

➔ **Caregiver**: As a caregiver, it’s important to make sure you eat prior to arrival.

➔ **Alert**: Please alert your doctor or nurse to any special needs your child may have.

➔ **Ask**: Be sure to ask questions about your child’s care.