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Teddy Bear Clinic

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The TK and kindergarteners at Taft Elementary were fortunate enough to have four nurses host a mock clinic for our students. In this simulation the students were the parents, and each was given a bear to be the child-patient. The students had fun coming up with names for their bears, such as Fred or Princess Glitter.

The classroom turned into a health center with four stations to rotate through. First the students checked in. Next they had the nurse take the bear's vitals. Then the bear got a shot. Lastly, the students were able to interact with doctor's equipment, ask questions, and play with their bears.

The Teddy Bear Clinic is designed to help lower the anxiety level of children when they go to a doctor's office, hospital, or clinic. Of course, they will tell you that they played with fun doctor's stuff, and also got to take home a certificate and an adorable stuffed bear!



Mrs. Bregder's Kindergarten Class