

## School Nurse Reflection

1. My view on the student population wasn't too altered. I encountered what I thought was going to happen with elementary aged children. Some kids would go in there to waste time, others wanted to try to go home, and those that were actually in need. Although the children think they might be convincing, the school nurse already knew which kids to look out for.
2. My view on the school nurse did change a bit. I figured they were there to just treat minor injuries and assess sick children. The school nurse I spent time with acted more like a teacher and nurse put together. She knew almost all students by name, knew which kids needed more patience, and encouraged the children to help others when applicable. The kids we saw truly loved their nurse.
3. What surprised me most about the school nurse experience is the actual number of children that would go see the nurse. I figured there might be 1 or 2 every hour or so but in the 4 hours I was there, we saw around 20 or more kids.
4. There were a handful of kids that went in complaining of stomach pain. We would ask the child if they have thrown up, what they've eaten, when did they eat, etc. Surprisingly enough, a lot of the kids wanted to return to class. There was one kid that was throwing up a good amount. He claimed that his mom had made something new the night before and that it didn't sit well. He was extremely pale and visibly shaking. Unfortunately, the nurse isn't allowed to take blood sugars because it is considered an invasive procedure. We just had to call mom and wait for her to pick him up. There were also a lot of kids who would go in asking for ice because some part of their body was hurting.

5. Going into today, I thought that a school nurse would have a lot of down time. I wasn't aware that there were so many kids that would go to be checked out. I expected a good amount of sitting around but at some points, there were 2 or 3 kids in the nurse's office at once.
6. One thing that I noticed that all the children were looking for is reassurance. Going into the clinic, many of the kids were worried and asked if they were going to be okay. The school nurse would assure them that they were fine, gave them a sticker and it seemed as though their mood swung around.
7. The period of a developmental stage that I noticed the most was Freud's Latency Period. When one girl went to the nurse, it seemed as though they were always accompanied by their same sex friend. Another one I noticed was Piaget's Preoperational Period. A girl had gone in with a tiny cut and a single drop of blood and she was hysterical. She kept saying that she thought all her blood was going to come out of her small cut and that we needed to stop it so she wouldn't die. This would be the fear of body mutilation.