

Notes from the Clinic

Parents, please watch for your child to bring home notes on a half sheet of paper that says “I was “spotted” in the clinic today!” This will serve as a note to you to let you know that your child was seen in the clinic, the reason he or she was seen, and what I did to treat them. Please read these when you get them, because I will often put notes on there to let you know of any symptoms they may have, things I have noted upon their assessment, and any recommendations I may have for you to help them at home.

Please be aware if your student frequently brings home the Spotted in the Clinic notes. As with any clinic, we have what we affectionately call frequent fliers. I do discuss this with the students when I feel that they are abusing the clinic system in order to escape class, and at times, I will call the parent to discuss this issue. Please encourage your child to use the clinic only when they are really in need, because they may come to the clinic healthy and leave the clinic with some germs that they will bring home to share with you!

Please know that there may be times when I am unable to do something to help your student that would seem routine to you. For example, I cannot pull out splinters. The reason for this is that the county has set certain policies that all clinic workers must follow and I am following these guidelines. So, in those instances when I am unable to perform those tasks, such as removal of splinters, it is very important for you to look at those Spotted in the Clinic forms. This will let you know what still needs to be done at home to follow up.

Accidents happen! This time I am talking about bathroom accidents, lunchroom spills, and muddy falls on the playground. In the event that your child has an accident at school, I will do my best to outfit your child with a pair of clean clothes. There may be instances when I am unable to find an appropriate fit for your child and may need to call you to bring them some clothes. I value your time, as well as the student’s instructional time, so I will keep these types of calls to an as needed basis. Consider keeping an extra change of clothes in your student’s book bag so that they will have it if needed. If your child does borrow some clothes from the clinic, please wash them and return them as quickly as possible so that I may outfit another child as needed. Thank you!