

Doctor Ted

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A bump on his knee, a class full of sniffles, a principal with foot odor, and not a doctor to be found...Ted knows it is time to become **Doctor Ted**. Well, what else is a bear to do?

Critics agree: Doctor Ted is a prescription for fun!

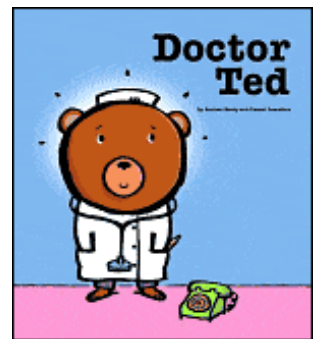
A delightful and tremendously funny book.
— Children's Literature

Clean and sweet, it's hard to resist a book that prescribes, "Take two cookies. You'll feel better in the morning."

—School Library Journal

Laugh out-loud funny.

—Publisher's Weekly
starred review



Fun Across the Curriculum

Math and Science

Look and Learn! Ted is a good observer. He notices all kinds of symptoms: freckles, sniffles, puffy cheeks, and funny smells. Test your own observational skills. Play I-Spy with a friend. If that's too easy, play Twenty Questions. Think of something or someone (maybe a character from the book!) and have your partner try to guess who or what it is in twenty questions or fewer.

Be a plant doctor! Doctors like Ted try different things to cure their patients. Plant 6-8 beans in separate numbered paper cups. Treat your beans differently for two weeks and see which ones grow best. You might give some less water or more light, give some plant food, or let one plant be. Keep track of the treatment each cup gets. At the end, write a prescription to help beans grow well.

Bake! Doctor Ted tells Mrs. Johnson to take two cookies and call him in the morning. Use the recipe on the back of this page to bake your own cookie cure. You will need to **measure** ingredients, **follow directions**, and **observe** the cookies

as they bake. When the cookies are done, take two and decide if you feel better!

Chart! Count how many times each of these doctor tools is shown in the book: *thermometer, stethoscope, lab coat, doctor's bag, pencil*. Make a bar graph to show your results.



Language Arts

Word Study: What words rhyme with *Ted*? What is another way to spell the *-ed* sound? **Bonus Challenge:** Do all words that end with the letters *-ed* rhyme with *Ted*?

Word Play: The word *patient* has two meanings. A *patient* can be the person a doctor treats. But *patient* also means "able to wait." Which kind of patient is a noun? Which is an adjective? Do you feel *patient* when you wait to see the doctor? Why or why not? *Impatient* is the opposite of *patient*. What are some other ways to say *impatient*?

Writers' Workshop: Doctor Ted is very optimistic: he believes he can do anything he sets his mind to. He likes jobs where he can help people. What is a job that you think you would be good at? What tools would you need to do that job well? Write a story about you and your new job.

Creative Art and Dramatic Play

Illustrate! The illustrations in Doctor Ted use ink and digital paint. Use a black marker and watercolor paint to draw a picture of yourself at work in Doctor Ted style art. Or, illustrate Doctor Ted in his next job!

Imagine! The characters in this story are animals. If you were an animal, what animal would you be? Draw a picture of yourself as an animal. Don't forget clothes!

Act Out! Gather objects for dress-up kits for different kinds of helping jobs such as *health care, rescue, teaching, construction, cooking, and personal grooming*.

Doctor Ted's Cookie Cure

1. Find a grown-up to be your assistant.
2. Wash your hands!
3. Gather:



- ★ 3/4 cup butter-flavored Crisco®
- ★ 1 1/4 cup firmly packed brown sugar
- ★ 2 tablespoons milk
- ★ 1 tablespoon vanilla
- ★ 1 egg
- ★ 1 3/4 cup flour
- ★ 1 teaspoon salt
- ★ 3/4 teaspoon baking soda
- ★ 1 cup semi-sweet chocolate chips

4. Mix the flour, salt, and baking soda together in a medium bowl. Stir gently so the flour doesn't make your assistant sneeze.
5. Mix the brown sugar and shortening together in a large bowl. Stir until your arm gets tired. Ask your assistant to stir until the sugar and shortening are nice and creamy.
6. Stir in the vanilla, milk, and egg until well blended.
7. Add the flour mixture to the creamed mixture. This is hard work. You may need to rest in the middle.
8. Toss in the chocolate chips and stir some more.
9. Use a teaspoon to drop spoonfuls about 2 inches apart on a cookie sheet. Don't lick your fingers!
10. Bake for 11-13 minutes at 375° Fahrenheit. Ask your assistant to take them out of the oven.
11. Wait until the cookies are cool, then take two.
12. Feel better!



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