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Students get to watch teacher donate blood.

Jeanine Lusk was 17 when she began following in her father's footsteps and donating her B-positive blood on a regular basis.

Monday afternoon, the Brady fourth-grade teacher helped her nine students understand exactly how quick and easy it is to save three lives.

"When I was in college, my older brother Terry was hurt badly in an accident," Lusk said. "He was trapped in a big mixer and lost a lot of blood, so much that he would have died."

Through the accident and the many surgeries that followed, more than 30 pints of blood donated by strangers saved her brother's life and ingrained even more the importance of her own giving.

"I think a lot of people don't do it because they don't know what to expect," Lusk said.

She talked her students through every step of the way on Monday from checking in to

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