

# Take Our Kids to Work Day



This book is part of the Tulliniliara Reading Series, developed by the Department of Family Services in Nunavut. The Tulliniliara Reading Series is a unique, Nunavut-developed literacy initiative that infuses awareness of skills, interests, and careers into a culturally appropriate reading program.

The Tulliniliara Reading Series was developed to support the reading level guidelines outlined in Uqalimaariuqsaniq, the Department of Education's reading program. Uqalimaariuqsaniq is a sequential and progressive Inuktitut reading program that supports students in their development as readers.

The Tulliniliara Reading Series informs readers about jobs available in their community. It also provides opportunities for readers to consider their own interests and skills when thinking about future work. Awareness of career possibilities at a young age will better prepare children to understand the opportunities that are open to them and the importance of staying in school.

These books represent the Department of Family Services' investment in the early development of our future workforce.

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## **Book details**

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Hi! My name is Darren and I'm in Grade 3.

Today is Take Our Kids to Work Day! This means that all the kids in my whole school get to go to work with family members. We get to learn all about what they do at their jobs and what skills they need for those jobs.





Today I'm going to work with my mom. She's a nurse at the Health Centre.

I know that my mom helps people who are sick or hurt, but I'm not sure what else she does. I'm excited to find out!

We walk to the Health Centre together. When we get there, my mom shows me the different parts of the Health Centre. There is a waiting room, and there are examination rooms where nurses see their patients. There is even a room where you can get an X-ray.

All day, I watch my mom care for people. She checks for infections in their ears and in their throats.

She uses a neat tool called a stethoscope to listen to people's hearts beating and their lungs breathing. She even gives people needles in their arms.

I remember getting a needle when I was younger. It hurt, but my mom was with me, so I wasn't scared. I bet my mom makes all her patients at the Health Centre feel very safe.





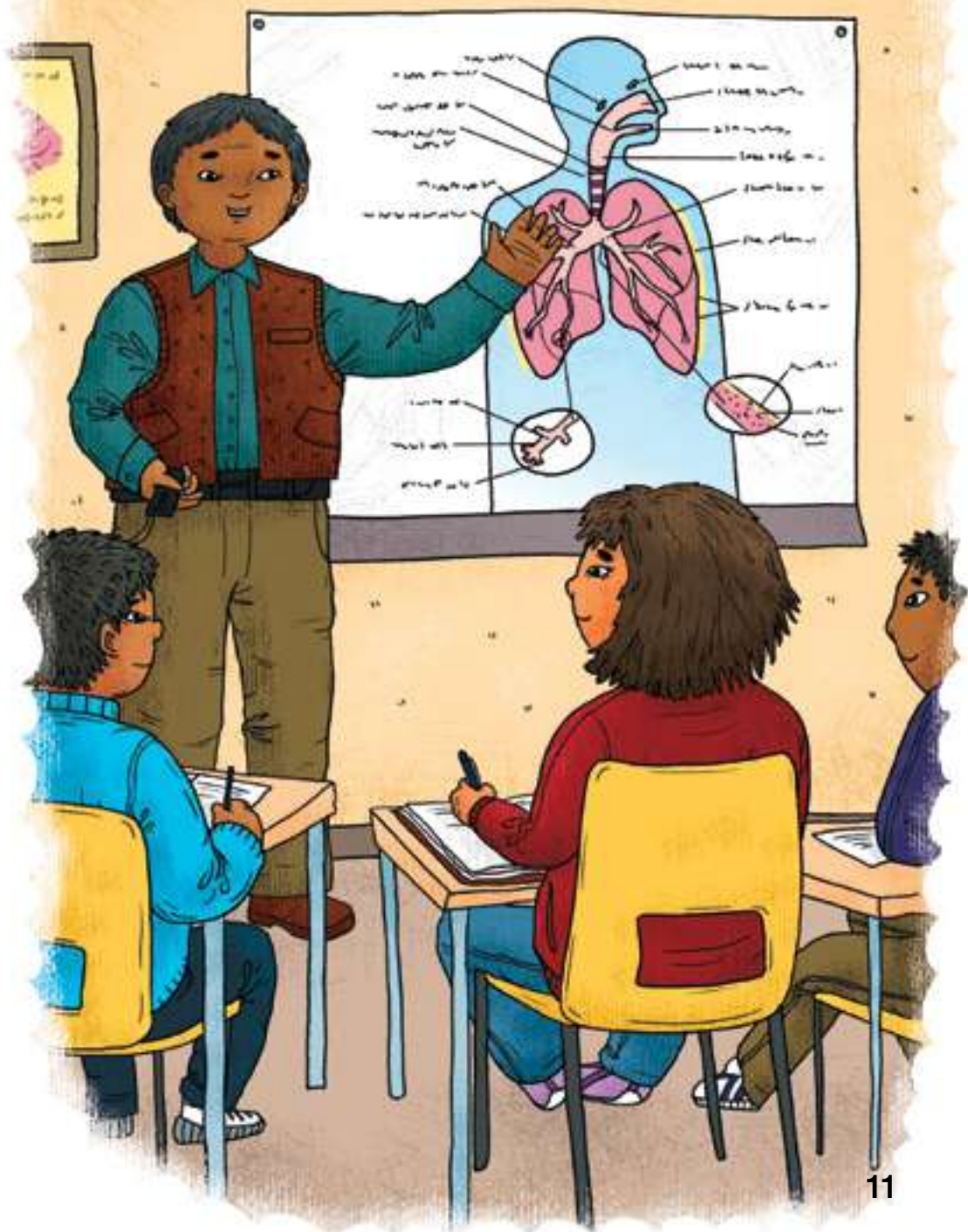
When it's time for a break, I ask my mom why she decided to become a nurse.

My mom says she likes to help people. Even when she was a little kid like me, she would help take care of her brothers and sisters when they weren't feeling well.

She would check their temperature to find out if they had a fever. She would clean and bandage their cuts and scrapes too!

Then I ask my mom how she learned to do all of these things.

My mom says she went to school to learn how to be a nurse. She went to the Nunavut Arctic College in Iqaluit. She learned how our bodies work and how to tell if there is something that is making them feel sick or hurt. She practised how to do things like give needles, listen to heartbeats, and clean cuts and scrapes. She even learned how to deliver babies!





I tell my mom that I want to be a nurse one day, just like her!

My mom says if I study hard, I can go to nursing school at the Nunavut Arctic College or somewhere else in Canada.

I want to help people in my community be healthy.

Hi! I'm Tracy. For Take Our Kids to Work Day, I am going to learn about the mine where my dad works. I can't go to the mine with my dad today because it is far away. Instead, we will go to the mine office in my community.

When my dad goes to the mine, he goes in a helicopter or a small plane called a Twin Otter. Sometimes he goes for a few weeks at a time. I miss my dad when he is away at the mine.





At the office, my dad tells me all about his job. He is a heavy equipment operator. He shows me pictures of the different vehicles he drives.

Sometimes my dad drives a huge truck called an excavator. An excavator is a vehicle with a big bucket on the front that you can use to dig and lift very heavy materials, like rocks.

My dad drives a bulldozer to build new roads at the mine so that other vehicles can drive around. He uses a piledriver to drill very deep into the ground.

My dad tells me that they dig for gold at this mine. Cool! My dad shows me a big piece of gold that was discovered in the ground at the mine.

I know that gold is used to make jewellery. My dad says it's also used to make electronics. The wires and switches in cellphones, computers, and GPS devices are often made of gold.

My dad says there are many other mines in Nunavut. I hope I can visit a mine one day!





Hi! My name is Lucas! Today for Take Our Kids to Work Day, I'm going to the daycare where my anaana works!

My anaana loves taking care of little kids! I have two little sisters and one little brother. Sometimes we have foster brothers and sisters who live with us too.

My anaana takes care of kids who are too young to go to Kindergarten. Some of the kids are just babies. My little sister goes to the daycare too. She's only three years old.

We go to the daycare early to set up. I help my anaana make snacks and lunches for the kids. My mom works with another person who helps us. Her name is Teresa, and she is very nice.

My anaana explains to me that the daycare is a very important part of our community. Parents bring their children here so that they can go to work or school during the day.





Soon the kids arrive. My anaana, Teresa, and I help the kids take off their parkas and boots.

Some kids are sad when their parents leave the daycare, but my anaana gives each kid a big hug. Then she helps them find toys or books to make them feel better.

We spend the morning singing songs and playing games. Then it's time for a snack!

While the kids are snacking, I ask my anaana if she always knew how to run a daycare.

She tells me that she knew some things because she is a parent. But she also went to college to become an early childhood educator. She learned how to play games and do activities that help children get ready for Kindergarten. She also learned first aid so she can take care of kids if they get hurt.

My mom takes very good care of me, so I know she takes very good care of the kids at her daycare too!





Hi! I'm Brooke! I am so excited that it's Take Our Kids to Work Day!

My anaana is my teacher at school. It's pretty cool, but I already know what she does at work. So instead, my big brother is taking me to college with him.

He is studying to become an oil heat systems technician at the Nunavut Arctic College.

My brother drives us to the college and shows me around. This school doesn't look anything like mine. My brother's classroom is a workshop. His classmates wear uniforms and stand at tall tables instead of desks. My brother says they learn by working on machines in class.

Today we are learning how electrical wiring works, because oil burners are powered by electric motors. Every student has a motor to work on. I watch my brother closely.





As my brother works, he explains that oil heat systems technicians are very important people in every community in Nunavut. Almost all the homes and buildings here are heated by furnaces. An oil burner is what makes a furnace run.

When my brother is done school, he will know how to install furnaces in new homes and buildings. If a furnace isn't working, he will know how to fix it. He will also know how to fix lots of other things, like hot water heaters and plumbing.

I ask my brother why he wanted to be an oil heat systems technician.

He says that he always enjoyed learning how to fix things like snowmobiles and trucks. Soon he knew how to fix them on his own. Then he would help other people in the community fix them.

He says learning how to fix furnaces is a lot like that. You need to figure out what is wrong with a furnace before you can fix it.

I hope he'll teach me how to fix things so I can help our community too!



We learned so much about the jobs that our family members do on Take Our Kids to Work Day!



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