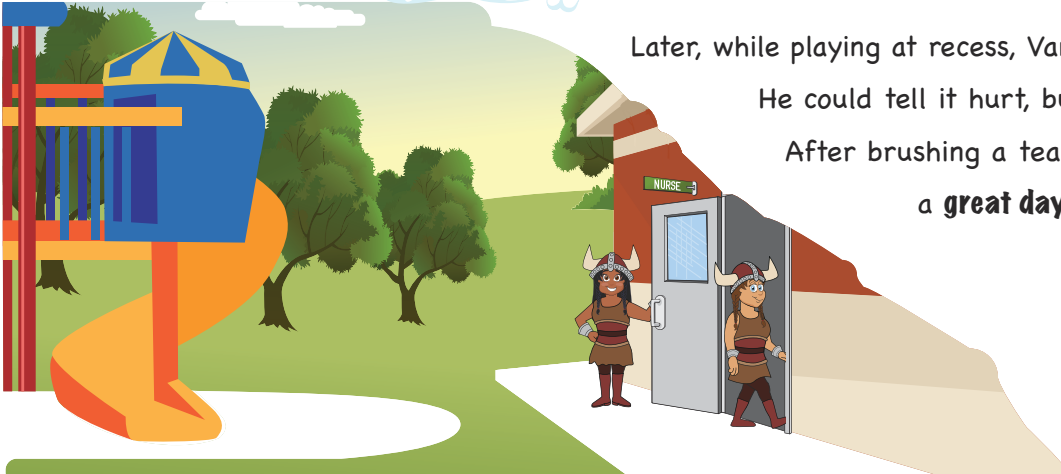




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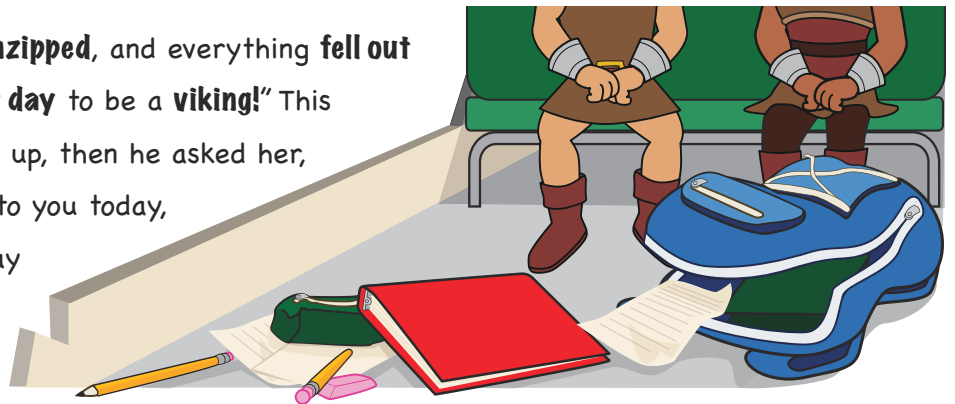
It was Vance's **first day in school**, and while eating lunch in the cafeteria, he saw a girl named Vera drop her tray, and "**Ka-blash!**" Her lunch spilled everywhere. Rather than get upset, Vera pronounced, "Well, this is a **great day** to be a **viking**" and proceeded to pick up the mess. A boy named Victor **stepped in to help**. She smiled, and said "Thanks!"



Later, while playing at recess, Vance saw Vera **trip** and **skin her knee**. He could tell it hurt, but was surprised by Vera's reaction.

After brushing a tear from her cheek, she said, "This is a **great day** to be a **viking**." Then a girl named Valerie came up to her and said, "You should get a **bandaid** on that. Let's go to the **nurse's office**." Vera smiled and said, "Thanks!"

On the bus ride home, Vera's backpack **unzipped**, and everything **fell out** on the floor. Again she said, "This a **great day** to be a **viking!**" This time Vance stepped in to help pick things up, then he asked her, "Vera, I've seen **three bad things** happen to you today, and each time you say 'This is a great day to be a viking.' Why do you say that?"



Vera replied, "Here at this school, we are **all vikings**. We have **viking friends**, and we all care about each other, and help each other. **It's the viking way**. So no matter what happens, I know I have friends who **care**, and will **help** me. That makes every day a **great day** to be a **viking!**" After all of her things were gathered up, Vera smiled and said, "Thanks for your help! Isn't it a **great day** to be a **viking!**"