

# MY BACK TO SCHOOL BUBBLE



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HELPING CHILDREN  
FIGHT COVID-19



# NABU

## **NABU's mission**

NABU is a New York-based 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, with a mission to solve the imbalance in children's book creation and distribution, so all children can read and rise to their full potential. We disrupt the cycle of poverty by leveraging technology to publish children's books for free on digital platforms in mother tongue languages.

## **About the Health - COVID-19 Collection**

As we publish this book in April 2020, the world is facing a global pandemic which will impact children and their families in every country. As a result of COVID-19, an estimated 1.37 billion students globally are out of school today and face interruptions to their learning. As a digital platform, NABU is providing the most vulnerable children with resources at home to ensure that they are able to stay safe and continue their learning. Moreover, misinformation about the virus is pervasive, and parents and families need access to accurate information and sensitive ways to talk to their children about the virus, to help keep them and their communities safe.

In response, NABU created this collection with the support of experts in the field of health, neuroscience and child development, and a team of authors who pitched in to create information-rich, compelling stories. Created in Rwanda and illustrated by NABU's incredible Rwandan illustrators, the stories were published in Kinyarwanda, and also made available in English for families globally. Wherever you are reading, we hope you and your family stay safe and that this story brings you comfort and hope for brighter days ahead.

## **NABU & e-Bug**

'*My Back to School Bubble*' is an original NABU title, written by Hilary Rogers and proudly produced by NABU in collaboration with e-Bug. e-Bug is a free educational resource for classroom and home use and makes learning about micro-organisms, the spread, prevention and treatment of infection fun and accessible for all teachers and students.

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I am going back to school! I can't wait.





But I have lots of worries about it, too.  
I can feel the excitement and worry  
swirling inside me.





Then I remember my bubble will keep  
me safe so I don't need to worry!

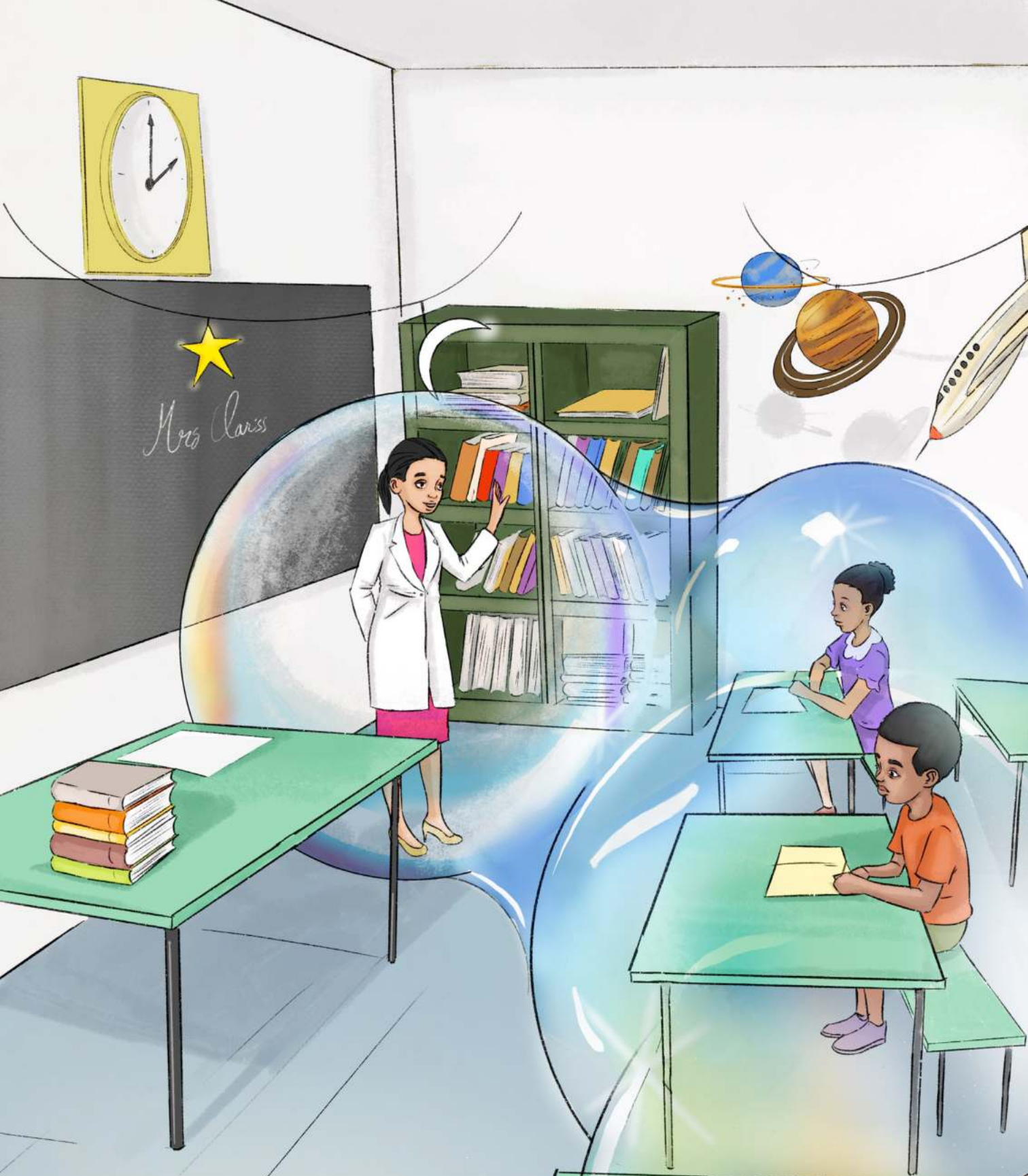


Speaking of bubbles, what if my  
friends aren't in my bubble?



But I am not alone in my bubble.  
I can make new friends.





Speaking of new, I might have a new teacher! I am nervous about that.



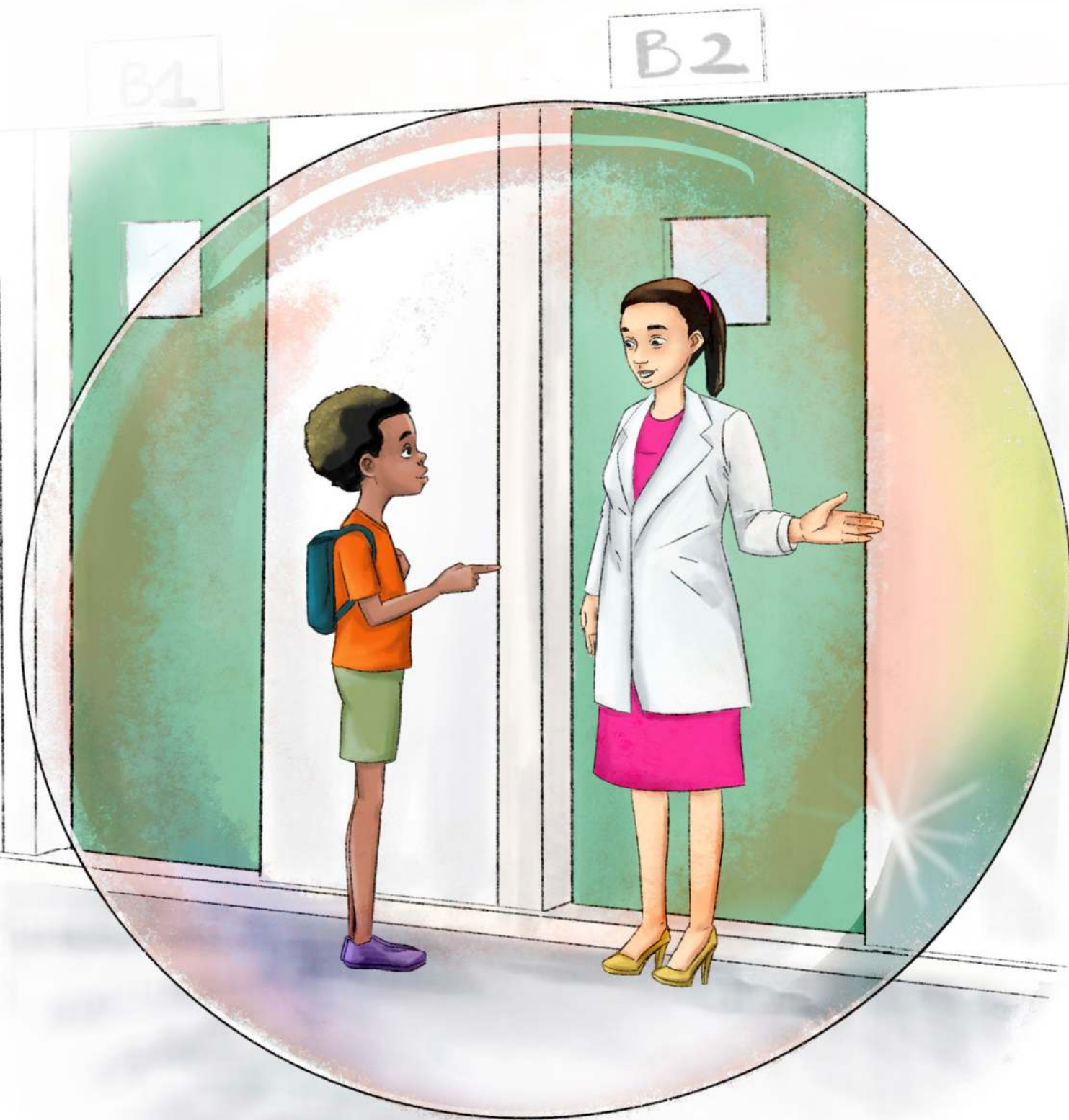
But I am not alone in my bubble. I will soon  
get to know my different teacher.



Speaking of different, I might have a different classroom. I am worried I will forget where to go.







But I am not alone in my bubble. I can always ask my teachers which way to go!



I might make a mistake but **EVERYONE** makes mistakes. It's good to ask for help!



Speaking of mistakes, what if I forget to wash my hands? What if I don't sneeze into my elbow?





It's ok to make mistakes. We will work together to remember to cover our coughs and sneezes.

Speaking of hands, I am not allowed to hug  
my friends right now.







But I am not alone in my bubble. We can use our mouths to smile and talk and laugh!



Speaking of hugs, I am going to miss my family when I am at school. I will give everyone extra hugs in the morning. I will give everyone extra hugs when I get home.





We are in this together. We are not alone!

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## About NABU Stories

NABU creates children's stories with a cultural point of view. Children who are exposed to multiple cultures and languages are more likely to become lifelong learners and compassionate global citizens. We believe that culturally relevant stories that reflect who children see when they look in the mirror help to develop healthy self-esteem and a sense of pride, and children who learn about cultures different from their own are much more likely to develop into adults who value the dignity of human life and making the world a better place for all.

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