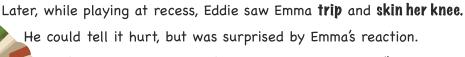




It was Eddie's **first day in school**, and while eating lunch in the cafeteria, he saw a girl named Emma drop her tray, and "Ka-blash!" Her lunch spilled everywhere.

Rather than get upset, Emma pronounced, "Well, this is a **great day** to be an **eagle**," and proceeded to pick up the mess. A boy named Earl **stepped in to help**. She smiled, and said "Thanks!"



After brushing a tear from her cheek, she said, "This is a great day to be an eagle." Then a girl named Elaine came up to her and said, "You should get a bandaid on that. Let's go to the nurse's office."

Emma smiled and said,
"Thanks!"

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



Emma replied, "Here at this school, we are all eagles. We have eagle friends, and we all care about each other, and help each other. It's the eagle 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 an eagle!" After all of her things were gathered up, Emma smiled and said, "Thanks for your help! Isn't it a great day to be an eagle!"