

It's a  
**GREAT DAY**  
to be an  
**EXPLORER**



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It was Earl'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 **explorer**," and proceeded to pick up the mess. A boy named Eddie **stepped in to help**. She smiled, and said "Thanks!"



Later, while playing at recess, Earl saw Emma **trip** and **skin her knee**.

He could tell it hurt, but was surprised by Emma's reaction.

After brushing a tear from her cheek, she said, "This is a **great day** to be an **explorer**." Then a girl named

Elly came up to her and said,

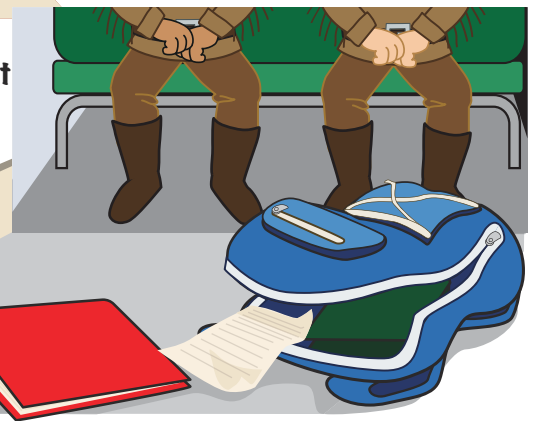
"You should get a **bandaid** on that.

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 **explorer!**" This time Earl 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 explorer.' Why do you say that?"



Emma replied, "Here at this school, we are **all explorers**. We have **explorer friends**, and we all care about each other, and help each other. **It's the explorer 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 **explorer!**"

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 **explorer!**"