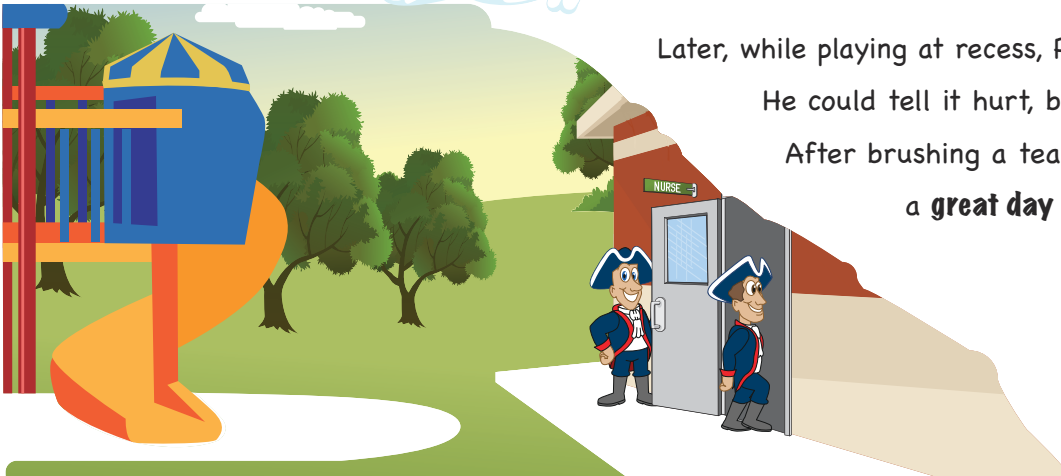




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It's a
GREAT DAY
to be a
PATRIOT

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



Later, while playing at recess, Pete saw Pam **trip** and **skin her knee**.

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

After brushing a tear from her cheek, she said, "This is

a **great day** to be a **patriot**." Then a girl named

Penny came up to her and said,

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

Let's go to the **nurse's office**."

Pam smiled and said, "Thanks!"

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



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

After all of her things were gathered up, Pam smiled and said,

"Thanks for your help! Isn't it a **great day** to be a **patriot!**"