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It's a
GREAT DAY
to be a
GATOR

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



Later, while playing at recess, Gill saw Gabby **trip** and **skin her knee**.

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

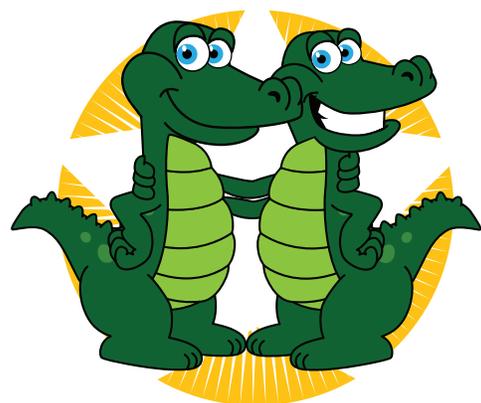
After brushing a tear from her cheek, she said, "This is a **great day** to be a **gator**."

Then a girl named Grace came up to her and said, "You should get a **bandaid** on that."

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

Gabby smiled and said, "Thanks!"

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



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

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

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