## GREAT DAY to be an ASTRONAUT

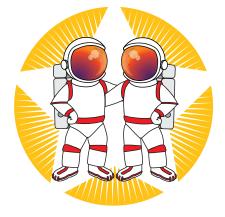
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It was Aaron's **first day in school**, and while eating lunch in the cafeteria, he saw a girl named Amelia drop her tray, and **"Ka-blash!"** Her lunch spilled everywhere. Rather than get upset, Amelia pronounced, "Well, this is a **great day** to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

> Later, while playing at recess, Aaron saw Amelia **trip** and **skin her knee**. He could tell it hurt, but was surprised by Amelia's reaction. After brushing a tear from her cheek, she said, "This is a **great day** to be an **astronaut**." Then a girl named Amy came up to her and said, "You should get a **bandaid** on that. Let's go to the **nurse's office**."

Amelia smiled and said, "Thanks!"

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



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