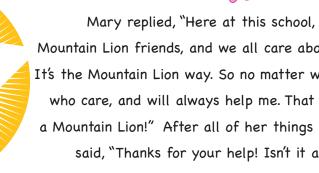


It was Max's first day in school, and while eating lunch in the cafeteria, he saw a girl named Mary drop her tray, and "Ka-blash!" Her lunch spilled everywhere. Rather than get upset, Mary pronounced, "Well, this is a great day to be a Mountain Lion" and proceeded to pick up the mess. A boy named Mo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

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

> > Mary smiled and said, "Thanks!"

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



Mary replied, "Here at this school, we are all Mountain Lions. We have Mountain Lion friends, and we all care about each other, and help each other. It's the Mountain Lion way. So no matter what happens, I know I have friends who care, and will always help me. That makes every day a great day to be a Mountain Lion!" After all of her things were gathered up, Mary smiled and said, "Thanks for your help! Isn't it a great day to be a Mountain Lion?!"