

## Learning to Take Turns Being First in Line



My name is Mac and I am in third grade. I am learning how to take turns being first in line.

I have to line up at school. I line up for gym, recess, and library. In these photos I am in different places in line and other people are first.

I look calm.

When other people get to be first in line and I stay calm they feel happy and my teacher feels happy, too.

Sometimes children feel mad or sad when they don't get to be first. With practice, as children grow, they learn that being first isn't important. They think about how others feel mad or sad when they don't get to be first. Taking turns being first in line is important.

Children can't always be first in line. Taking turns is important. With practice, they learn to let other kids be first in line. Some kids tell themselves, "I can be first another time." This is a smart choice.

If I begin to feel upset, I can tell a friend or teacher I'm upset and take deep breaths. I can be first in line another time.

Many children want to be first in line. Thinking, "I can be first another day, that is the nice thing to do" helps many children feel better. It helps them take turns being first in line.

My teachers are children that got older. They know what to do with mad feelings. They can help me and everyone else take turns being first in line.

If I begin to feel upset, thinking about my story may help. I will try to take turns being first in line.