

Kristy: My Self-Advocacy Story



Hello, my name is Kristyne but my friends call me Kristy. I am in the 4th grade.

Something special about me is that I am the Oreo Cookie Stacking Champion of Upstate New York. I played Sarah in our school play, *Guys and Dolls*.

My favorite color is blue. I can do many things well. Some of these things are singing, gymnastics, roller blading, drawing, and reading.

Math problems, writing, and following directions that have lots for me to do are hard for me. I do not like these things because they make me feel not smart.

It helps me in class when I see and hear information. It also helps if the important parts of the information are in highlighted in blue. When my teacher gives simple two-step directions, it makes it easier for me to remember what I have to do. Sometimes I need the teacher or an elbow buddy to remind me what I need to do for my work or to check my work and make sure that I am doing it right. Sometimes I need extra time to finish my work.

My favorite things are singing and reading. I learn the words to new songs quickly and sing them all day.
