



Hello, my name is Mateo Rotger. I am so very excited to start kindergarten and meet new friends. I am in Mrs. McGinnis' class; and I will be your classmate. I love to learn. I also love to do puzzles and play video games.

I was diagnosed this past March with a rare, brain tumor called "bilateral thalamic tumor." Because of this, I have to take lots of medicine to help me get better. One of the medicine I take is my infusion treatment that is given to me all day long. I carry it in my small black bag that is always with me. I also take steroid medicine that has several side effects; one of which include excessive weight gain. Because of this, it is hard for me to move around, so I use my wheelchair. The medicine also makes me very thirsty and tired; and sometimes hard for me to speak well. My condition also makes me very vulnerable to getting sick. Even the common cold could send me to the hospital for weeks. Although I always like to play, please stay away if you are sick. Your common courtesy and consideration would be greatly appreciated. Thank you. If you want to learn more about me and my condition please visit my website [www.helpmateo.com](http://www.helpmateo.com)

I can't wait to get to know you better and become friends. And hopefully, someday play and run around together when I get better.