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Dear Carlos,  
My mom is the new mayor of our town! I'm sending you pictures, and I want to tell you about her job.

Here's my mom at work. Her day at the office starts at eight o'clock.



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Mom has many things to do every day. She checks her schedule each morning when she gets to work. These are some of the people she will meet with this week. Mom works hard at her job.



One of my mom's first meetings is at nine o'clock in the community center. Here is a picture of it. She says people want to decide the best way to use the community center. I think they need to have more activities there for kids!





Here's the new playground. A boy sent a letter to Mom asking for an empty lot to be turned into a place where kids can play. Mom met with community leaders. They decided that a new playground was a good idea. Mom says the boy is a good citizen because he cares about his community.

To:  
The Mayor's Office,  
One Main Street,  
Small Town,  
U.S.A.

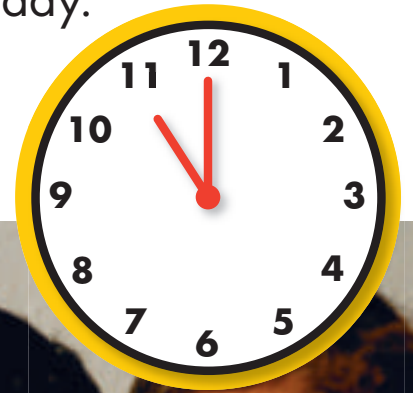
Dear Mayor Martinez,



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Here is a picture of me at school having lunch. Mom came to our school to talk about her job. She told us how a law is made. We asked a lot of questions. When I asked her a question, I remembered to call her Mayor Martinez and not Mom! She even ate lunch with my class that day.



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This picture is from last year's festival. Remember how much fun we had? The people in the picture are some of the business owners who want to help organize this year's festival. I hope you can come to the festival again this year.



At four o'clock, Mom is still busy at work. Everyone says she is a good leader. I think she is an even better mom. I hope you like all the pictures. Write back soon!

Your friend,  
Ramon Martinez





# Now Try This

## Be Mayor for a Day!

If you were the mayor of your town or city for a day, what kinds of things would you do? You might do some of the same things Mayor Martinez does. You might do different things too.



## Here's How to Do It!

Copy this planner onto a piece of paper and plan out your day as mayor.

Today's date is \_\_\_\_\_.

This is what my schedule is today:

● 9 o'clock  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

● 11 o'clock *Talk to a first-grade class.*  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

● 1 o'clock  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

● 3 o'clock  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

● 5 o'clock  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_





## Think and Share

1. Why do you think the author started with the beginning of the mayor's day?
2. If you could meet Mayor Martinez, what questions would you ask her? Copy the chart on your paper. Fill it out. Write your question in the *W* box.

What We <b>K</b> now	What We <b>W</b> ant to Know	What We <b>L</b> earned

3. Mayor Martinez talked with the school children about how a law is made. What is a *law*?
4. What do the clock pictures throughout the book tell you about the mayor's day?

