



Tick-Tock, It's Time!

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Leo wakes up with a big stretch as his bedside digital alarm clock glows with bright red numbers. The screen says seven o'clock, which means it is time for a brand new day of school.



At breakfast, Leo's mom glances at her sleek wristwatch while pouring juice. The little hands on her watch point to the numbers, showing them exactly how much time they have before the bus arrives.



Walking into his first-grade classroom, Leo looks up at the big, round analog clock hanging on the wall. The long minute hand and short hour hand click-clack quietly, welcoming the students to their desks.



The teacher taps the large classroom smartboard at the front of the room to start the morning lesson. In the top corner of the bright screen, digital numbers glow to show it is officially nine o'clock.



During math workshop, Leo and his partner use a school iPad to play a fun counting game. Every time they solve a puzzle, the tablet's digital clock reminds them how quickly they are learning.



Suddenly, Leo hears a soft beep from his teacher's mobile phone on her desk. She smiles and tells the class that the digital timer means it is finally time to line up for recess.



Out on the sunny playground, Leo looks at his own colorful digital wristwatch while playing tag with his friends. The numbers change quickly as they run and laugh, tracking every second of their outdoor fun.



Back inside, the class sits on the rug for storytime as the afternoon sun shines through the window. Leo checks the round wall clock and notices the hour hand is now pointing near the bottom, signaling the afternoon routine.



When the loud school bell rings, Leo packs his backpack with a big smile. He looks around the room one last time, seeing the smartboard, the wall clock, and his teacher's tablet all agreeing that the school day is done.



Back at home, Leo sits with his family at the dinner table, feeling proud of his day. He realizes that whether a clock has moving hands or glowing numbers, they all work together to help him stay on track.