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Busy, busy, busy! 5C students know they have a lot going on inside and outside of school. During the time that GJS students will spend in the United States, many will have opportunities to interact with Americans and other English speakers. Being able to tell time and talk about our schedules or daily activities in English may be useful when meeting new American friends or teammates.

We love to use our classroom clocks to practice times. Students can make any time on the clocks that they are given. They know the *exact* place to put the hands. Now students know how to tell you the time in more than one way: *It's 3:15* or *It's quarter after 3*. *It's 9:50* or *It's 10 of 10*. *It's 5:30* or *It's half past 5*.

If you ask a 5C student, *How often do you do homework?* he might answer, *I usually do homework after dinner*. Or, if you ask, *Do you ever play soccer?* he may answer, *I always practice soccer at 10:30 on Saturday in the morning*. We sometimes have a soccer match on Sunday. We can talk about what other people spend their time doing, too: *He often goes to the supermarket with his mother*.

A special part of the fifth grade's busy school agenda is enjoying school exchange with a local American school. It's wonderful to learn about each other's culture—and to practice English! The 5C English class got a little better prepared by practicing conversation with GJS classmates in case we had a chance to chat with a new American friend. Many of these questions fit in nicely with our lessons on time!



Fun problem-solving with schedules and clocks.



5C students show their savvy with clocks.