

Dear Family,

This week your child is learning to tell time to the nearest five minutes.



For example, he or she is learning to tell what time this clock shows.



The short hand tells the hour. It's called the **hour hand**. It's pointing between the 5 and the 6. The hour is 5.

The long hand shows the minutes. It's called the **minute hand**. It's pointing to 7. Skip count by five 7 times to find how many minutes after five o'clock it is.

5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35

The time on the clock is 5:35, or 35 minutes after five o'clock.

Digital clocks show time using only numbers instead of hands. They also tell whether it is AM (midnight to noon) or PM (noon to midnight).



Invite your child to share what he or she knows about telling time by doing the following activity together.



Telling Time Activity

Materials: two crayons of different lengths

Help your child learn to show time on a clock face with this activity.

- Have family members take turns naming their favorite time of day, such as breakfast, bed time, or arriving home.
- Ask your child to place the crayons as the hands on the clock below to show the time of day that each activity happens. Help by naming the times: for example, “I get home from work at 5:20” or “We eat dinner at 6:30.”
- Next, place the hands on the clock to show other times, and ask your child to tell the time and describe something that happens at that time.

