

# When My Teachers Go On Strike



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WITH LEARNING CHALLENGES





I go to a school where many grown-ups,  
including teachers, help me.



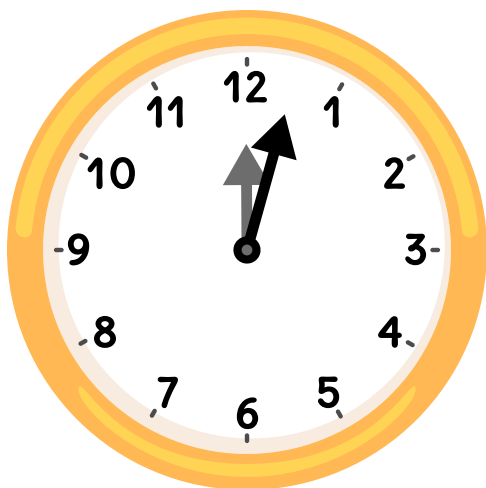
Sometimes, the grown-ups don't agree.



When they have different ideas,  
they try to talk and work it out together.



Often, the grown-ups can  
work together to find a solution.



Sometimes, finding solutions  
can take a long time.



The teachers might need to  
stop working for a little while.  
This is called a "strike."



During a strike,  
schools will be closed while the grown-ups  
talk more and find a solution.





It's important to remember that  
even though the teachers  
are taking a break, they still  
care about me and my friends.



The grown-ups might walk in front of the school, holding signs that share their feelings, and talk about why they're taking a break.



I can keep a routine while schools are closed  
by waking up and going to bed  
at the same time each day.



I can also read at home,  
do worksheets, take bike rides,  
or play with my friends.



Some schools are serving meals  
and I can go there to get food.



My family will take care of me  
while schools are closed.



Soon, the grownups will agree  
and the strike will end.



And the teachers, my friends,  
and I will go back to school.





I love learning, and I'm excited  
to go back to school,  
where I can learn new things every day!

## For parents:

What can my child do  
while schools are closed?

- Create a daily routine!
- Practice my letters & numbers!



▪ Get outside!

- Go to the library!
- Write my teacher a kind letter!
- Set a goal for reading!



▪ Journal!

- Take care of my pets!



▪ Arts & crafts!



# Additional Resources

## **Portland Public Schools (PPS):**

- "Discussing the closure with your students"  
<https://www.pps.net/Page/21476>
- PPS Student Supports:  
<https://www.pps.net/Page/21475>
- PPS Learning Resources:  
<https://www.pps.net/Page/21473>

## **The Shadow Project:**

<https://www.shadow-project.org/>

- "Supporting Kids at Home with Goal Setting"  
<https://tinyurl.com/goalsettingathome>
- Resources for Your Child with Learning or Attention Challenges  
[www.shadow-project.org/family-resources/](http://www.shadow-project.org/family-resources/)

## **FACT Oregon:**

<https://factoregon.org/>



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