

What Would You Do If You Were the Principal for a Day?

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"Tag, you're it," yelled my friend, Susan, as she quickly dashed away from me, who is now it. I zoomed past the playground swings. Tagging Susan back would equal victory for me. Swinging by the monkey bars, I ran until... "Ring," the school bell rang, ruined our game, and sent us back to class. "I wish the bell never rang," I groaned. "You have to be in charge to change that. The principal is in charge", Susan continued. "Then, I'll be the principal", I sarcastically shouted on my way to class.

I'm class president, so after some learning I made my way down to the principal's office for a one on one meeting during recess. The principal started asking me if I have any questions for the school, but then she said, "I have a challenge for you, think of an idea to improve our school". I'm thinking of increasing recess, having kids clean up trash, and lots more. I settled on telling my principal that we should read more. "What a great idea. Our school should have a reading club, that way there wouldn't be just sports as an afterschool program. I love reading, good job Sofia. Maybe you should be principal", she said jokingly. "Thanks," I said surprised. Maybe I should be principal!

The next morning the intercom screeched, Sofia Galdamez, report to my office right now!" I awkwardly walked to the principal's office when she said, "Sofia, your book club was a great idea", it turns out I'm not in trouble. "A few students joined yesterday, but twenty more students joined overnight. "I wish I could make you principal", she continued. "I could! Do you mind being principal tomorrow? I want to go on a vacation, and there is no one to cover my job", she admitted. O.M.G is this a dream? I was still in shock until I realized I'd been standing there like that for five minutes. "I'd love to," is all I managed to say to her. As I walked out of her office, I screamed to her, "Thanks so much". She replied saying, "No, thank you"! I thought about being principal all night! I couldn't sleep, how could I?

The day has come- I'm principal! The first thing I did was to get Susan from her classroom and take her to stuff our faces with the principal's candy. Next, I extended recess from twenty minutes to an hour. Susan and I played tag for ages until the day started glitching and my eyes started twitching and all I can remember is "Sofia get up, you slept through your alarm", my mom screamed. Then, that's when I realized, it was all just a dream! No wonder the principal just handed me her place so easily. I don't even know anyone named Susan. I'm so late to get to school (for real this time), but it's worth it to know that I was a principal at least in my dreams!