



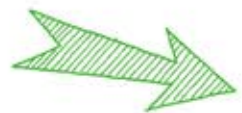
# Working Together

It takes a lot of people to make a school run well. Teachers, custodians, and the principal each have a part to play. They all work together to help the school run smoothly.

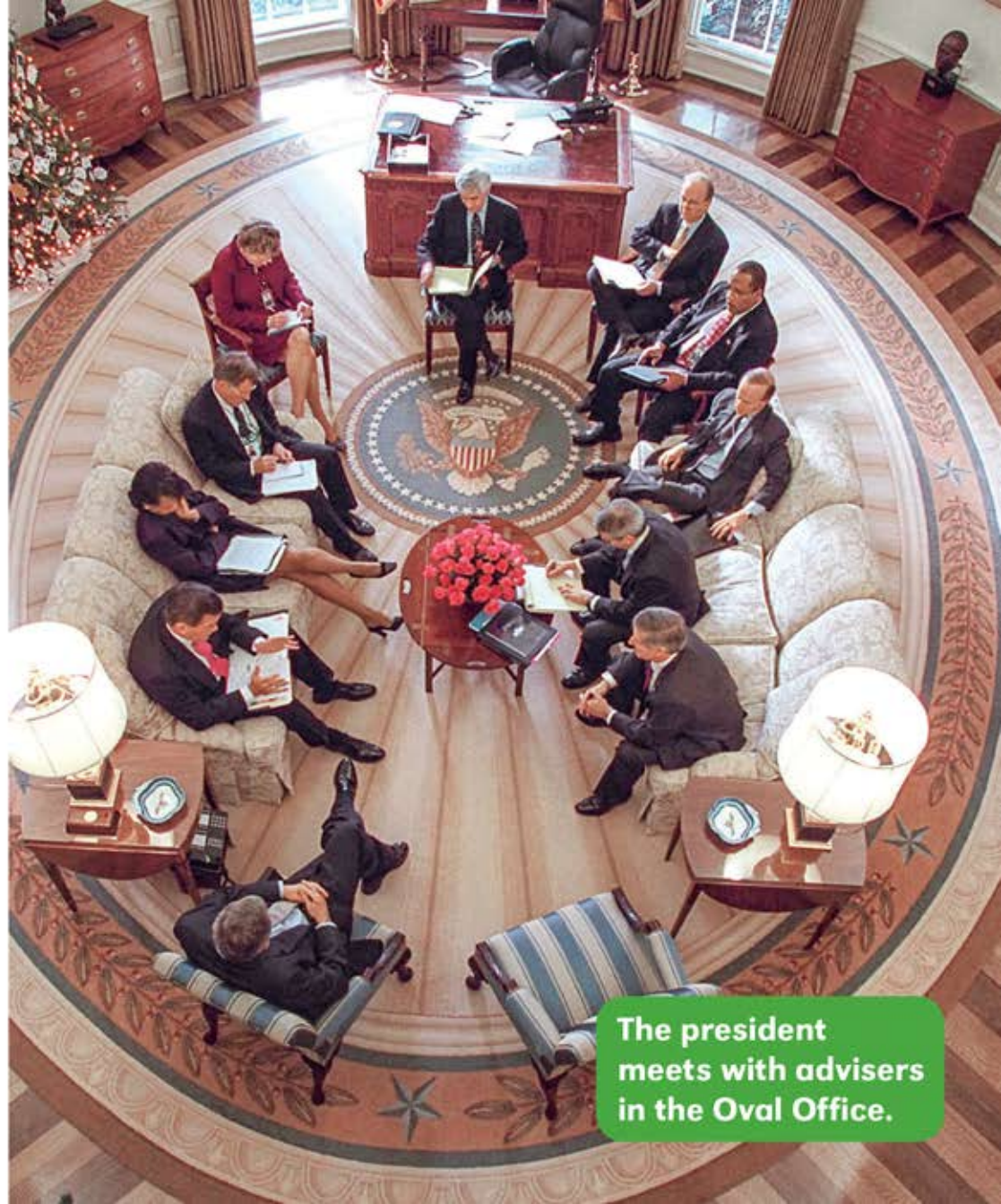


How does your teacher make your class run smoothly?

The same can be said for our country's government. Different people in the government work together to make our country run smoothly. Just like in a school!



Why is it important for our country's government to run smoothly?



The president meets with advisers in the Oval Office.

# Do You Know the Pledge of Allegiance?

The Pledge of Allegiance is a promise to be loyal to the United States. The Pledge of Allegiance was written for children in 1892. Now adults also say the Pledge to show respect for America and its flag. You probably say the Pledge in school. But do you know what all the words mean?



I pledge **allegiance** ← "Allegiance" means loyalty.

to the Flag

of the United States of America,

and to the **Republic** ← In a republic, citizens vote for their leaders. The United States is a republic.

for which it stands,

one Nation under God,

← This means that the country can't be split apart. → **indivisible,**

**with liberty and justice for all.**

↑ The last line means that every citizen is free and will be treated fairly.