



Photo of FLEX student Laman Abdulayeva learning about leadership from Principal Jennifer Mazza.

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Leadership

“I was really interested in, what a real leader feels like, and I had opportunity to meet leader in her job. Her name was Jennifer Mazza; she is a principal of my host sisters’ elementary school. I had some conversation with her, and spent time with her, it was really interesting to know about so much stuff, I never can imagine. We began the day with answering phone calls from parents about some little problems, and she explained everything to me, and I can help too. Then we had some meetings, where we discussed the problems about how to

make children be more interested in what they are doing, and how to make their knowledge pretty equal. There were so many interesting opinions, and actually, they ask, what I think about that, and how in my country, we will solve this problem. The meeting was 3 hours long, we had our lunch there, so we can discuss the other things. They were really interested in my country culture, customs, and education system. Then I had some my own questions to the principal, about, how people make decision about two hours delay or canceling schools, and she explained to me everything really exactly. The rest of the day we just solve little problems, and I had so much pleasure to spend such a knowledgeable day. I can realize how it's hard to make such important decisions, and to control all school. That knowledge will be really helpful for me in the future. To my big experience in America, were added one very interesting day.”