

## **Lunch Recess Rules and Expectations**

*Rules of the Playground: Be safe, Be Respectful, Be Responsible*

### ***Safe Use of the Equipment:***

- Slide down the slide on pockets (no standing, walking or running up the slide, jumping over the side, and using a coat to slide on during winter months).
- When using the monkey bars you must hang by your hands (no hanging upside down with legs and no sitting on top of the monkey bars).
- The high bar on the big playground should be only used for pull-ups (not flips). Students must use the handlebar to get up on the bar (do not stand on the slide to cross over).
- To do flips, please use the handlebars on the big playground or the lower bar on the small playground.
- Using the tube slide, students should only be sliding down (not climbing up or on top of the tube slide).
- The equipment must be used appropriately (no use of the ball for a tag game in the playset area, no tying jump ropes to the playset, and no wrapping jump ropes around people).
- Equipment must be returned at the end of recess.

### ***Playing Inside the Boundaries***

- We would like Kinder and First-grade students to stay inside the cones and not play next to the fence.
- For older students playing near the fence, please do not talk with people on the other side of the fence unless you know that person (just because the adult has a dog does not make that stranger safe).
- Please do not go past the last basketball hoop and corner of the building (students should not go into the courtyard or around the building where they cannot be seen).
- When a ball goes over the fence, ask for help from the recess staff (do not jump over the fence).
- When leaving the building to go out to recess, go to the playground (do not climb on the gate and do not use the snow pile to jump over the fence).
- When waiting for the bell, students must stay inside the boundary. When the bell rings, students should line up and not climb on the snowbanks.

### ***Gaga Ball***

- There must be three playground supervisors on the playground for students to use the gaga ball (students should ask permission before going to the gaga pit).
- Students must follow the rules of gaga ball and if they are not playing correctly they will be asked to leave.
- When playing gaga ball, you must stay at the pit (not running or playing on the hill or going into the courtyard).
- The gaga ball pit is not used for a hiding spot.

### ***Snow Play***

- There is no throwing snow or ice.
- The area outside the cones near the fence is for building snow forts. Only students building and playing in the snow forts will be allowed in that area. Students who are destroying the structures will be asked to leave. Any student misbehaving will be asked to leave (we must be able to trust students that far out in the field to behave appropriately).
- Students must have snow pants to slide on the hill.
- There is only sliding on the hill when there are at least three staff supervising recess. Students should ask if the hill is open before going to slide.
- Students must only slide on their pockets (not on coats, stomach, back, or knees).
- There is no running or pushing on the hill (if students cannot say in control, they will be asked to leave).
- Students should slide one at a time, wait until the path is clear, and not sit at the bottom of the path.
- Students should walk up the hill out away from the path where kids are sliding.
- Students should not be rolling down the hill.
- Sliding paths should be made between the basketball hoops (there is no sliding beyond the last basketball hoop).
- Any student not sliding safely will be asked to leave the area.
- On the snowbanks, there is no pushing, king of the hill, and no flips off the banks. If there is a cone on a snowbank it is closed.
- Students who are not being safe on the snow banks will be asked to play somewhere else.
- Tunnels should not be made since it can collapse on a student inside the tunnel.

### ***When Expectations Are Not Met***

- Students who are not following expectations may be given a time out, not allowed to use particular equipment for the day (or week), or removed to an area away from other students

- Students who are repeatedly not meeting expectations will have their teacher and or the principal involved to determine the course of action.

### ***Aggressive Behavior***

- Students who are aggressive will be given a time out, removed to an area away from other students, or brought to the office.
- Students who are repeatedly being aggressive will be given a recess behavior plan.

### ***Expectations of Adults Supervising Recess***

- The adults supervising recess will carry walkie talkies and bathroom passes.
- The adults will move around the playground as needed and not congregate in a discussion unless it relates to students' and recess needs.
- Recess staff will approach any adult entering the playground area that is not a staff member (when parents are out looking for a student, visitors that are not in the right place to check-in, etc)
- Recess staff will make contact with any people out along the outside of the fence line to determine intent (are they walking a dog or making contact with students?)
- Recess staff will notify others if they are not available for coverage.
- Recess staff will assist students in communicating with each other and solving problems (if unable to help a student they will refer to the counselor/social worker and/or classroom teacher).