

## PLAYGROUND SAFETY RULES

Children should watch where they are running and play away from school buildings. They are not to climb trees, poles, or backstops. In general, students should use common sense on the playground. Most accidents can be prevented. Children are to observe the following rules on the playground:

1. Stay on the playground at all times. If a ball or equipment goes off the playground, children must find a person on duty to retrieve it.
2. Keep the playground clean. All the eating is to be done in the cafeteria.
3. Do not throw snowballs, gravel, stones, wood chips, or any sharp or dangerous objects. If it on the ground, it should stay on the ground.
4. Rough play, such as wrestling, pushing, tackling, tripping, or any other activity that could be potentially dangerous, is not allowed.
5. When playing on the SWINGS:
  - a. Be fair, take turns. Do not push someone on a swing.
  - b. Only one person at a time should be on a swing.
  - c. Sit in the swing at all times. Do not stand.
  - d. Swings are for swinging only. Playing should be done in other areas.
  - e. Do not run in front of, behind, between or under the swings.
  - f. Do not jump off swings or swing crooked.
  - g. Do not hang on the poles.
6. When playing on the SLIDES:
  - a. Be fair, take turns.
  - b. Slide down one at a time, sitting down, feet first.
  - c. Go up the ladder and down the slide.
  - d. Do not push each other on the slide or the slide ladder.
  - e. Do not jump off the slide or the slide ladder.
  - f. Do not play under the slides.
  - g. When there is a puddle of water, do not use the slides.
7. When playing football:
  - a. Only touch or flag football is allowed.
  - b. Touching must be below the neck with no straight arming.
  - c. All football must be played away from buildings and magic squares.
8. When playing softball/kickball:
  - a. Use equipment properly.
  - b. All spectators must stand behind the backstop.
  - c. Play on the assigned field.
  - d. Do not throw the bat
  - e. No hardballs are allowed. Do not bring bats from home.



9. When playing soccer:
  - a. All games must be played on the soccer fields.
  - b. No tackling, grabbing, elbowing or pushing allowed.
  - c. Standard rules of the game will be followed.

Noon aides are employed to supervise the playground, help organize games, circulate among the students, and to encourage good sportsmanship and fair play. Students are expected to follow the directions of the noon aides.

### **INSIDE RECESS RULES**

During inclement weather, students will remain inside the building during recess time. Noon aides will be on duty during the lunch period. Children should adhere to the following rules:

1. Children are to remain in their designated room/area and should not be in any other part of the building unless they have permission from their teacher or noon aide.
2. Appropriate games and activities for students during inside recess are provided in each classroom. Students are informed of these games and activities. Rules for conduct on inside recess days are clearly explained in the classroom.
3. Children may not run in the room.
4. Classroom doors will remain open.