



STUDENTS RULES and RESPONSIBILITIES for the PLAYGROUND

(These rules are in effect from 7:40 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on all school days)

1. Students are to show respect to each other, supervisors and care of equipment at all times.
 2. When exiting or entering the building for recess students are to walk using the sidewalks and not walk or run on the grassy areas. A bathroom pass is required to reenter the building during recess. Do not bring food, candy or gum to the playground.
 3. Students, **K-4**, must ask the supervisor to retrieve a ball which has gone off the grounds. **5th-8th** may retrieve balls that go out after first informing an adult they are doing so.
 4. Students must stay on playground area. The playground area is: traffic loop, grassy playfield, playground equipment, paved walkway around the cross. The following areas are **OFF LIMITS**: Front of the school (Cornwall Ave), large main parking lot, the walkway between the gym and church (towards the street), area in front of the church, the pastoral center, the grassy area in front of the pastoral center, and the whole gym corner including the area by the letter signs rack and the area between the gym and the portable. No climbing in flowerbeds, bushes, trees or on fences and no digging in dirt or grass.
 5. Students must not talk to anyone not associated with the school.
 6. Students are expected to **always** demonstrate good sportsmanship. Students may pick their own teams, however if teams can't be agreed on, they should ask an adult for help making teams. Absolutely no tackling, pushing or shoving at any time.
 7. Appropriate language will be used at all times on the playground.
 8. No throwing rocks, wood chips or other harmful objects. When snow is present, students may not throw snow at each other under any circumstances. Snow structures are ok to build. No hitting balls against the building.
 9. Play area rules: students **K-4th**: No jump ropes, balls or other equipment in the play area, On the spinner students are to A) Take turns: 2 at a time plus 1 person to "spin", students should wait their turn in a spaced line along the edge of the playground; B) no hanging from coats or jump ropes on the spinner On the climbing structures A) No climbing on the very top, or across the top, of the bars or the small, covered "house" and tube area B) No jumping from the very top of the rock wall.
- All students K-8th** must exercise caution and safety on the equipment. No climbing or hanging on to the top of the spinner, hang only from hands, not upside down.

10. Play stops when the bell rings. Equipment must be carried and put away, not tossed, bounced or thrown.
11. Shirts and blouses will be tucked in before entering the building.
12. Stop play in the basketball area (especially) so that parents and preschoolers can go by on the sidewalk without fear of injury. Balls should be held while people are walking by the lines of the key.
13. RipStik and Pogo Stick Rules:
 - Students in grades 2 and up may use them.
 - Do not use other equipment with the RipStiks and Pogo Sticks, such as pulling someone with a jump rope or hula hoop or bouncing and carrying balls while riding. It is unsafe and can cause loss of control and balance.
 - Use the RipStik under your own power; help from a friend to balance is ok, but the friend should not push or pull you.
 - No riding RipStik sitting down. Use standing, as intended, which allows for more control and slower speeds.
 - Share in small groups, taking turns. If this proves challenging, establish 2-minute intervals.
 - RipStiks and Pogo sticks are to only be used on sidewalk area on the gym side, from the gate to the cross and back. Never across the traffic loop area or on the sidewalk on the opposite side (field side).
 - RipStiks should be ridden at a slow, safe speed and should not weave in and out of other students. They should not be used on the ramp from the exit of the building (exception may be given if a student is first learning and needs the railing.)

CONSEQUENCES: All playground supervisors/volunteers have the right and must enforce all the playground rules. If inappropriate behavior persists, a time out will be given. If there is an ongoing conflict around a particular sport or activity, that activity may be suspended for up to one week (or until new expectations can be set.) The student will be informed of the rule that was broken. The classroom teacher, principal and parent will be notified through a Playground Behavior Slip sent to the classroom after recess indicating student name and rule broken. Detention during recess or after school may be assigned.