

Playground Expectations 2023

Please take your class outside prior to their first recess time to learn/review some of the basic recess/playground expectations. *The current Playground Expectations video is quite old, but not worth redoing because we will have a new playground next school year. There was a 2022 recess update video you can watch [here](#), if you'd like a reminder. Most of it is still accurate, except instead of cones by the "toy" area, there is a painted line. They should definitely still stay out of the porta potty. 😊*

- 1) Show them the boundaries for playing at recess. They should stay on the school side of the chain link fence, not on the sidewalk. If a ball goes into the parking lot, they should ask an adult if it is safe to go retrieve it. The south boundary line (on the field) is sort of even with the soccer scoreboard. Definitely stay out of the creek if it is full of water or mud (or anything else that doesn't help to keep the school clean).



- 2) Where to line up/ What door to enter when the bell rings. Make sure to respect the other students/staff in the building by entering the school with quiet feet and quiet voices. Be safe by keeping your body to yourself and walking at a safe speed.

- 3) The basketballs, footballs, and kickballs will be in a blue cart OUTSIDE of the 1st and 2nd grade entrance. This is something new the recess supervisors would like to try. This will be the equipment for all grades. Be Responsible and Respectful of the playground equipment by bringing the equipment back inside after recess, even if you weren't the one who brought it out. Help the playground balls last longer by keeping them from going on the roof or being damaged by kicking/throwing them against the wall (the walls are a rough stone that can puncture the ball).
- 4) Stones! Keep the stones on the ground. We shouldn't pick up the stones and throw them or put them in our pockets.
- 5) **There is a limit to the number of students that can go on the spinners.** Tulip Cup= 1 person. Swift Twist= 1 person. Comet= 5 people. Spinetic= 8 people. Make sure to take turns! If interested, there are video instructions:
[Spinetic](#)
[Comet/Tulip Cup/Swift Twist](#)
- 6) Be Respectful of Students and Staff by leaving some space near the windows (not throwing balls at the window, banging on the window, putting your face on the window, etc). This also includes the hallway and gym doors.
- 7) Be Respectful by listening to the adults that are on recess duty and listening to the bell when it rings. (ex. No need to say "but Mrs. _____ lets us do it!!)
- 8) Be Safe by playing with friends without tackling or taking anyone down to the ground. Two hand touch is a great alternative!
- 9) Follow the rules of the games you are playing- be a good sport!
- 10) There is a schedule for the grades that can play GaGa Ball. They are posted at the playground exit doors and on the window near the GaGa pit. Kindergarten is currently not on that schedule. They will be taught how to play at a later date, and will then be added to the schedule if there is a shared recess time. All 1st-4th grade classes will be retaught the rules for GaGa ball during a PE class sometime in the first few weeks of school. [GaGa Ball rule video](#)

Can be saved to discuss at a later date:

- 11) Be a friend to others- Be Helpful!
- 12) Be a problem solver!