

## **Parkview Primary Learning Center Student Playground and Playground Equipment Rules**

The social learning that takes place on the playground is an important part of a child's development and educational experience. The purpose of these playground rules is to assure that recess is both safe and enjoyable for all students. Parents are asked to review these rules and to discuss them with their child, because parent-school cooperation in teaching and reinforcing social skills and rules is a key component to success at home and at school. Please note that these rules apply to all children at all times, including after school hours, when using the playground.

### PLAYING WITH OTHERS

- Respect Others – Children should treat each other with respect without name calling or teasing.
- Take Turns – Include others who want to play. Share the balls and other equipment.
- Listen to the Playground Supervisors – They are in charge; always follow their directions.
- Don't Tattle – First try to solve problems by yourself and then tell the teacher if necessary.
- Absolutely NO fighting or wrestling – Students must never push, hit, kick or hurt others in any way.
- Keep your hands and feet to yourself when on the playground equipment.

### PLAYING GAMES

- The following types of games are not permitted at Parkview: "King of the Mountain"; Martial Arts or WWF play; ball-tag games; and "Keep Away" games.
- "Tag" games are not allowed on the playground equipment due to the risk of injury.
- Soccer, kickball and any other kicking games are allowed on the grass field only. This means that these games may only be played during morning and afternoon recesses, and not lunch recess.
- Foam balls (e.g., Nerf) can be thrown on the blacktop. Hard footballs and other balls should be thrown only on the grass.

### WHERE TO PLAY

- Use the crosswalk to get to the grass field area. Stay away from parked cars. The playground is closed to traffic during recess. However, at the rare times that a vehicle is entering or leaving the playground, students should stop playing and listen to teacher directions.
- Children should respect school and city property. Climbing or hanging on fences, guardrails or benches will not be allowed.
- Blacktop Only: When weather conditions warrant, the school staff may close the playground equipment and/or grass field to play. At these times, students must stay on the blacktop and stay out of any puddles. Because there are so many children on the blacktop at these times, throwing balls may be stopped by the supervisor.
- Winter presents its own joys and challenges. Students should dress appropriately. Throwing snow and sliding on ice is not allowed. Students may be allowed to play on snow piles provided play is safe (no "King of the Mountain" games). The staff member on duty will make this determination.

### PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT TOYS

Students should respect playground equipment and use it safely.

- Slides** – Only one person at a time may use slides. Sliders should be seated, with their feet forward. Children should not climb up slides. Do not climb on the outside of the tubes.
- Swings** – Only one child can use swings at a time. Children using swings should be seated, and swing in a forward/backward direction (not sideways, spinning, etc.). Do not jump from the swings.
- Parallel Bars and ladders** – Go in one direction only. Climb ladders carefully and wait for others to finish climbing before starting.

Take good care of play things. Use balls, jump ropes, etc. in appropriate ways and return them after recess is over.

Balls or other toys that land on the school roof or over the pool fence will stay there until retrieved by a janitor. Students should tell the playground supervisor if this occurs. If toys or balls are deliberately thrown over the fence or onto the roof, they will be taken away, and appropriate disciplinary action will be taken.

No toys from home may be used on the playground.

**RULE VIOLATIONS**

Breaking rules will result in a loss of recess time (Time-out). Teachers will determine the location and duration of the time-out according to the situation.

Fighting or deliberately hurting others are serious and will receive greater consequences. Students are usually removed from the playground and taken to the office. Depending on the severity of the violation, consequences may involve loss of additional recess time, written apologies, or a meeting with the principal.

The behavioral programs implemented by each grade may be used as alternative consequences for playground rule violations. Students should be subject to only one system of punishment at a time.

Cases of students with repeated violations should be brought to the Student Concerns Meeting where team and parent input will be sought. Individual behavior intervention plans may be needed in certain cases. Both temporary and long-term suspension from the playground may become necessary.

**Please review these rules with your child. Then sign the portion below and return the bottom portion only to your child's teacher. Thank you for your cooperation!**

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**I have read and discussed the Playground Rules with my child** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Child's name)

**Parent's Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_