

YARD RULES/EXPECTATIONS
2012-2013

KINDERGARTEN YARD

Structure

- Cross the bars in one direction. Follow traffic patterns
- Go to the back of the line and wait for a turn to cross the bars
- Go around the bars so that you do not get kicked in the face
- Go down the slide, not up, sitting only, feet first
- Do not hang from the slide
- Keep balls away from the structure
- Tag is not allowed

Hills

- Stay off the hills
- Stay out of the tree

General Expectations

- Eat your snack/lunch at the table
- Throw away your trash in the trashcan.
- Tag and/or chasing is not allowed.
- If someone gets hurt and it was an accident be sure to say, "I'm sorry! Are you ok? Do you need anything?" Or, if someone gets knocked down, help them up.
- Wrestling and play fighting is not allowed.
- When the bell rings, please walk to the line. Running can cause injuries.

FIRST GRADE YARD

Structure

- Go down the slide, not up, sitting only
- Be sure to hold onto the bars when you are hanging from them
- Hands, feet and all parts of our body to yourself
- Keep balls away from the structure
- Tag is not allowed

General Yard Rules

- Eat your snack/lunch on the bench
- Throw away your trash in the trash can
- Tag/chasing is not allowed

- If someone gets hurt and it was an accident be sure to say, “I’m sorry! Are you ok? Do you need anything?” Or, if someone gets knocked down, help them up.
- Wrestling and play fighting is not allowed

TOP YARD

Structure

- Cross the bars in one direction
- Go to the back of the line and wait for a turn to cross the bars
- Stay below the bars
- Go around the bars so that you do not get kicked in the face
- Go down the slide, not up, sitting only
- “Chicken” is not safe and not allowed
- Do not hang from the slide
- Keep balls away from the structure
- Tag is not allowed

General Yard Rules

- Eat your snack/lunch at the table
- Take care of yard equipment-hula hoops, balls, dodge balls
- Throw away your trash in the trash can
- Tag and/or chasing is not allowed
- If someone gets hurt and it was an accident be sure to say, “I’m sorry! Are you ok? Do you need anything?” Or, if someone gets knocked down, help them up.
- Hula Hoops stay in the area by the music at all times.
- Hula Hoops stay on the hips. They are not to be swung from arms and/or thrown.
- Take care of yard balls, hula hoops and all play equipment
- Wrestling and play fighting is not allowed

BUILDING EXPECTATIONS

- Take your hat off when you come inside the building
- Put your snacks away or closed so that food does not fall to the floor
- Hold basketballs, soccer balls, etc “like a baby”. Please do not bounce or throw
- Walk and use a quiet voice. Teachers are teaching and students are learning.
- Walk. Don’t run.
- Hall/Health/Office passes are expected

Tips for working with children:

- Get down to children's eye level to speak with them.
- Encourage children to solve problems by themselves. Model the appropriate way to solve problems.
- If benching is a consequence, keep it short and when ready, be sure to ask the child what he/she did and what he/she will do differently next time.
- Start games and encourage children to join in.
- Remind them of the playground rules and give specific praise for doing the right thing and making good choices.