

Recess Guidelines

Students need a break to relax and get some exercise during the school day. Students will go outside for a recess break during the day unless the wind chill factor is **below zero**, or it is **raining**. When snow is on the ground students must have waterproof boots and snowpants to play in the snow. Students without these items will have to remain on blacktop areas cleared of snow or inside if blacktop areas have not been plowed. You can help the staff by making sure that your child is dressed appropriately for the weather.

The wooded areas, which border our school property on the east and south, are private property and absolutely '**off-limits**' to students during recess, as well as before and after school. This rule exists not only to discourage trespassing on private property, but also for the safety of our students.

It is our goal to provide a developmentally appropriate, fun and safe play experience during recess for all of our students. Each fall students are taught a variety of games they can play at recess and appropriate behaviors for the big playground equipment. Small equipment needed to play the games such as balls, cones and bean bags will be provided to each classroom so students should not need to bring items from home. During recess students will be asked to choose from a variety of activities they have been taught (i.e., playing on the big equipment, reading a book, playing one of the games they have been taught).