

WESTOVER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
PLAYGROUND RULES FOR STUDENTS
2022-2023

Recess should be a fun, safe time for all students!

GAMES

Games to play include: soccer, basketball (half court games only), hopscotch, four square, kickball, hula hooping, rope jumping; individual or partner games. Games that are not permitted included: softball, baseball, chasing games, wrestling activities, flag football, and football.

Game rules:

- Be a good loser and a good winner.
- Share the equipment from the equipment box.
- Remember that **everyone** has a right to play.
- In a disputed call, don't argue. You may take the turn over, take a vote, or play "rock, paper, and scissors".
- Play safely; the playground aides will end any game that gets too rough or that appears dangerous.

EQUIPMENT

- Share the equipment.
- When using a slide or bars, wait for the person ahead of you to clear the equipment before you move.
- Use the slide correctly: no walking up or going down headfirst.
- Use the bars correctly; no standing on the bars.

WOODED AREA

- The wooded areas around the playground are off limits.** Students must be in full view of a playground aide at all times. If a ball goes into the woods, tell one of the adults in charge.

PLAY AWAY FROM THE BUILDING

- Stay away from the building, especially the windows, as students are working inside the building during each recess period.
- Balls should never be kicked or thrown toward or near the building.

RESTROOM

- Ask an adult and that adult will give you a pass to go into the building. You **must have a pass** to enter the building to use the designated restroom during recess.

YOU GET HURT OR HAVE A PROBLEM

- ❑ Go immediately to a teacher.
- ❑ The teacher will send you to the health room if you need additional attention.

STRANGE PEOPLE OR ANIMALS

- ❑ Do not approach.
- ❑ Tell a teacher and they will take care of the situation.

LINE UP AFTER RECESS

- ❑ Line up right away when the whistle blows.
- ❑ Follow the directions of the adults on the playground.
- ❑ Return to your classroom quietly with your teacher.