

Red Creek Elementary Playground Expectations

Revised 2019-2020

Building Entry

Staff should use a key fob to allow student entry. For building security, doors should never be left propped open. Staff supervising the cafeteria door zone area will need to monitor entry/ exit of students closely.

Boundaries

- **Students should stay clear of the receiving and dumpster area as well as the grassy area in front of the cafeteria**
- The north end edge of the 4-5 wing. This is not marked. Students should not venture further than this.
- Retention Pond is **OFF LIMITS** - with supervision students may retrieve equipment
- Natural boundaries by way of landscaping/wooded area/ long grass near field **NEVER** go beyond wood chip/planted area
- Cones are used to communicate that an area may be:
 - Unsafe — Ice / Bodily Fluids (e.g. blood, vomit)
 - Off Limits — Mud / Standing Water / Equipment is being misused
 - Equipment is Broken

Lining Up

- Whistle blows and students line up as determined by supervisor. They then follow supervisor in an orderly fashion. One supervisor remains in the front, and one remains in the rear. Line Basics, Voice Level 1-2
- 2-3 grades line up in 2-3 wing driveway, not line order
- 4th grade lines up by class in the basketball court and are dismissed by class
- 5th grade lines up in two lines on the sidewalk by the 4-5 wing

Mud, Snow, and Ice Covered Areas

- Stay out of wet/muddy areas
- No throwing snowballs, ice chunks, etc.
- Be on knees/bottom when sliding on ice/Body sliding is allowed on the hill near the 4th-5th wing
- Snow forts and creations may not be destroyed but may be added to by others
- No King of the Hill Games / Pushing or shoving on snow hills
- Tunnels may be built / Students enter feet first/ Use best judgment for safety
- Sleds are allowed on the hill behind playground equipment
- Take turns / Walk up and around the cones

Winter Attire

- Must wear full winter attire (and worn appropriately) to play in any snow area including equipment
- Students without full gear have access to blacktop and sidewalk areas
- Students must wear coats/jackets/winter attire when temps are 40 degrees or less
- 40 degrees and above students are allowed to remove coats. All gear is still required to be in snow areas.
- Students will not be allowed to come back inside to get warmer clothing or toys
- Students may NOT borrow appropriate winter attire from the lost and found

Personal Items, Food, Wood Chips

- Personal toys and games are allowed, with the exception of electronic devices, Pokemon cards, and cell phones
- There is absolutely NO candy or food allowed on the playground
- Absolutely NO throwing of wood chips or removing them from the landscaping

Indoor Recess

- Rules may vary per grade level. Communicate with the teachers or other staff on duty on what is acceptable and what is not.
- Supervisors will monitor from room to room
- Indoor recess expectations are usually posted in the classroom and may include:
- Students should remain in their homerooms and should not leave unless they have permission (bathroom). An exception to this would be if there is a game, movie, or homework/reading room. They would then **pick a room and remain there**.
- At lunch, students will be dismissed from the cafeteria by tables and will report to their classrooms
- Electronics may or may not be allowed and could vary per teacher/grade level
 - No personal electronics
- Inside voices, *NO RUNNING* or *YELLING* inside
- Stay away from teacher's desk.

Equipment Use

- Equipment bins will be stored in a designated area in the receiving room. Recess supervisors should bring out to the playground at the beginning of recess and returned at the end of each recess making sure that all equipment is picked up by students.
 - Students may not borrow equipment from other grade level bins.
 - Jump ropes are for jumping

Playground Balls

- Kicking basketballs is not allowed
- Football and other organized games besides basketball should be played on the grassy area
- No kicking or throwing balls on the blacktop area
 - Exception to this rule would be if the grassy area is not available due to mud/water/snow, *CATCH* only is allowed in the 2-3 grade line up area.

Tables and Benches

- Students may color, draw, or read personal books (not from LMC)
- No standing on them
 - This includes the table and seats in the equipment area, benches, and picnic tables located in other areas of the playground

Sleds

- Students should walk up on the outside of assigned sled runs
- Body sliding is allowed in the area assigned near 4-5 wing. Students stand in line, going one at a time.

Tire Swing and Swings

- Two-minute timer if available, otherwise take reasonable turns
 - Tire swings are **ONLY** available to 5th grade students during the before school recess
 - Swings should go forward and back, not sideways
 - One student to a swing
 - Students should sit in swing, no standing or kneeling
 - No jumping off swings
 - Other students should stay a safe distance from those swinging, being careful not to run or walk in front, or in back of moving swings

Equipment Use

Umbrella

- No running and jumping onto/No whipping or or pushing by students. Students should use their legs or bodies to make umbrella go around. More than one student is allowed on umbrella, but recess supervisors may determine whether or not that is safe.
 - Off-limits to all students during the before school recess

Spinner

- Two people inside the spinner. Must keep body parts inside. One spinner who spins only and no lifting of feet.

Monkey / Climbing Bars

- No sitting on top bar or hanging upside down

Rock Wall

- No sitting on top of
- Can climb over it

Equipment Use

Slides

- No climbing up slides

Spider Web

- Students on the ground may not pull on those that are climbing

Birds Nest

- Sitting on top of the birds nest is allowed
- Students on the ground may not pull on those that are climbing or sitting in the birds nest

Soccer Nets

- No hanging on, or swinging on, or tipping the soccer nets

High Platforms or High Places

- No jumping from these areas
 - These would include any areas that have a rail eg: ramp area, surrounding slides
 - No climbing on the outside of the rails
 - Platform areas that are at the top of the slides

Game Expectations

**Football, hopscotch, kickball, basketball, lightning,
4-square**

Football and Basketball

Football

- Flag Football
- Two Hand Touch
- Kick Catch

Basketball

Basketball games are allowed during grade level recesses. Rules too lengthy to list! No pushing, or aggressive play.

- Before School Recess
 - No basketball games are allowed
 - Lightning and 500 are allowed

Lightning

Objective is to make a basket before the first person does.

- Players stand in a single line just behind the free-throw line.
 - The first two players in line each get a basketball.
- Player #1 takes a shot from the free-throw line. The second the ball is released from Player #1's hands, Player #2 can take a shot also from the free-throw line.
 - If Player #1's shot goes in first, he passes the ball to the third person in line and goes to the end of the line.
 - If player #1 misses he must rebound the ball and keep shooting until it goes in.
 - Player #2 must also rebound missed balls and keep shooting. If Player #2 makes a basket first then Player #1 is out.
 - If Player #1 makes the shot first Player #2 can continue shooting until he is either out or makes the shot.
 - Each next new Player must make first shot from the free throw line.
- The game continues until only one player is left.
- No bumping, knocking the ball out of hands, or interference.

Four Square - Eliminate opponents to get to the higher square

- One student per square
- First person in line is referee
- The person in the #1 square serves the ball underhanded into another person's square
- Play continues until someone:
 - Misses the ball
 - Hits the ball other than underhanded
 - Catches the ball
 - Allows the ball to bounce more than once in their square
 - Hits the ball on the line
 - Misses the square
- Person who's out goes to the end of the line
- Students move from 4 - 3 - 2 - 1
- New students goes to the #4 square

The Ticket System

**Red Creek Elementary Recess Plan
Established November 1, 2019**

Red Creek Elementary Recess Ticket



Student Name: _____ Date: _____

Homeroom Teacher _____

Major Behaviors:

- Bullying
- Abusive Language
- Physical Aggression
- Property Damage
- Unsafe Behavior
- Leaving Playground

Minor Behaviors:

- Defiance/ Disrespect
- Physical Contact
- Unsafe Behavior
- Unapproved Game
- Non-compliance/
Running/ Hiding
- Inappropriate Language
- Property/ Equipment Misuse
- Refusal to Wear Winter Gear
- Cell Phones/ Electronics
- Other (Explain)

If a Misbehavior occurs

- **No Scoldings**
- **Issue a ticket: Original to Student, Pink Copy to office, Yellow copy to teacher**
 - **A ticket and an ODR are one in the same. Writing the ticket replaces the need to enter an ODR in eduCLIMBER. The written tickets will be added to eduCLIMBER by a building Aide**
 - **If a Major Violation - send student to the office**
 - **If a students throws their personal ticket on the playground, the should receive another ticket for littering**
 - **More than one ticket will result in more reflection time and/or possible additional consequences occurs**

Reflection Time

Students issued a ticket will receive a 15 minute reflection time at their very next grade level recess

2/3/4 grade Reflection Time will take place in the cafeteria and supervised by a building aide

- **5th-grade reflection time will take place during lunch recess and supervised by teachers**

- **Students are not allowed to bring any work with them**

- **This time should be used to reflect and reteach recess expectations**