



School Rules

General Behavior

- Be kind to others.
- Keep hands, feet, and body to yourself.
- Use appropriate and respectful language. Students should discuss concerns in a reasonable manner.
- Parents and students should not discuss issues pertaining to other students on school grounds. Please see the *Confidentiality Policy* in the CNS Parent Handbook.
- Wear shoes on the playground. Shoes may only be removed to play in sandboxes.
- Walk in the buildings.

Playground Boundaries and Play Areas

Students must stay within the school boundaries, which include the perimeter of the fence and 6 feet from the fence by Pleasant Hill Road.

- the area in front of the main building is for 4th-8th grade students only.
- the area behind the PreK/K building is for PreK/K students only.
- PreK/K building
 - Students may sit on the front porch and steps, but must stay off railing and out of compost area.
 - Students may sit on the back stairs closest to playground with staff permission.
 - Students may sit on benches in nature garden area and must stay on paths.
 - Students must have the PreK/K teacher's permission to play on the deck.
- Tree House
 - PreK-3rd graders may use the lower level. 4th-8th graders may use the upper level.
 - One student at a time on the climbing wall. No climbing between levels.
 - It is not safe to walk on the outside edges or sit on the railing of the tree house.
- Swings
 - Use appropriate height for your size. Only one person on a swing at a time.
 - Students should limit time on swings to 5 minutes when all swings are occupied.
 - Swing appropriately. Please be seated when swinging.
 - It is unsafe to stand or run in front of a swing.
 - It is dangerous to hit your feet on the bottom of the tree house while swinging. Face away from the tree house when swinging on the tree house swings.
- Forts
 - Forts are to be available for use by all students and belong to everyone on the playground. Therefore, all forts can be enjoyed by all students EXCEPT while under construction.
 - Students may ask to have a picture taken of their forts and/or draw forts.
 - Students may not go outside the fence to gather building materials.
 - Students may not stand, climb, or jump on forts.
 - Playground staff should check the safety of forts before students play in them. Forts deemed unsafe will be repaired or dismantled.
 - Students wishing to dismantle a fort should first discuss it with the students who constructed it.
 - The Playground Supervisor may ask students to dismantle a fort, especially if the fort has been up for a long time with no one using it.
- Gazebo
 - It is important to stay within the rope railing. It is not safe to climb on the gazebo, sit in the windows, or jump from it.
 - Scarves and musical instruments should stay in the box in the gazebo.

- Slide
 - Please be seated when sliding. Students may only go down the slide, not climb up it.
 - Only one person may be on the slide at a time.
- Dirt Hill
 - May be closed at the discretion of the playground staff.
- Bars
 - Only one student on the bars at a time.
 - If students are climbing on top of bars, an adult must supervise and be able to 'spot' them.
- Puddles & Mud
 - Students may only jump in puddles if they are wearing watertight rain boots and have an extra pair of socks, shoes, and pants.
 - Staff will assist in making mud for the mud kitchens. Students may use mud with hands to create pies, etc.
 - If students have clothes to change into, they may be required to change their clothes before returning to class, especially if they are very muddy and/or wet.
 - Please return mud kitchen items to milk crates.

The Main Building

- At recess and dismissal, all students must enter and exit the main building through the side doors by their classrooms.
- Students must inform a supervising adult before entering the main building for any reason.
- Students may not be in the main building unsupervised. Students should not reenter the main building after dismissal.
 - Basement Common Room (Playroom)
 - Pick up toys and put away games and books at the end of a play session. Make sure the floor is cleaned up.
 - Food and drink are not permitted in the playroom unless sanctioned by the Director.
 - It is unsafe to run or practice gymnastics in the play room.
 - During indoor recess, students **may not** use sports equipment in the PE closet (jump ropes, scooters, noodles, etc.) located in the playroom. This equipment is to be used during PE under the direct supervision of the PE instructor.
 - Activities, Equipment, and Games
 - All outdoor sports equipment, mud kitchen items, instruments, cars, and sandbox tools should be picked up and returned to their respective areas at the end of each day.
 - Sticks should be used only for walking, digging or building. Students should not sharpen sticks or have sticks while on playground equipment.
 - Ropes are for jumping purposes only.
 - Running games should be limited to the field areas to avoid interrupting other students' play.
 - Balls should be bounced outside and not inside. If playing a game with a ball, only soft balls should be used and may be thrown only below the waist.
 - Snowballs may only be thrown at non-person targets (not the building). When a teacher takes students out to play in the snow, that teacher may allow snowball throwing.
 - Climbing
 - Students may climb on the bars and tire wall. Students may not climb poles, the fence, or trees.
 - Water
 - Staff may help students fill cups or buckets from the faucet outside the building at their discretion.
 - Water may not be used in the sandbox or mixed with dirt when digging except under direct teacher supervision.
 - Playground staff will assist with making mud for the mud kitchens.
 - Playground staff will clean plexiglass or chalkboards with hose.
 - Electronics and Toys from Home
 - Personal electronic devices such as iPods, tablets, laptops, cell phones, gaming devices, etc. may be used after school on Fridays (Electronic Fridays) and on noon dismissal days.
 - If toys from home are brought to school, they are only allowed on the playground. The school is not responsible for lost, broken, or stolen items.

- Food

- Snack will take place outside unless inside due to weather. Playground staff may choose to bring students to the lunchroom for snack if the weather is very hot or very cold.
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- Students should sit at picnic tables when eating on the playground.
- No soda or candy is allowed and sugary foods should be limited.
- Gum is allowed only for students in 4th-8th grades.
- **d. Eating of edible plants during recess/playground times only when supervised/approved by a classroom teacher.**

These rules don't encompass everything. Interpretation of rules and anything not covered is at the discretion of the Playground Staff.