

*Everything*  
*You Ever Wanted*  
*To Know About*  
*Medina's*  
*Rules*  
*2006 - 2007*

## **Our Beliefs**

*As a school, we believe it is imperative that every individual demonstrate the virtues of respect, responsibility, cooperation, and kindness in all of our common areas and in our interactions with each other, especially on the playground. Our rules support these virtues and are focused on providing a safe, fun environment that facilitates learning, in and out of the classroom.*

**All members of our community will treat each other with respect at all times.**

### **Playground rules:**

*It is each student's responsibility to follow the playground rules. If these rules are broken, there will be an appropriate consequence given. We follow a progressive discipline policy – if a rule is repeatedly broken, the consequences and address of the issue will get progressively more serious.*

- *Good sportsmanship shall be displayed at all times.*
- **GAMES WILL BE CANCELLED FOR ROUGH PLAY.**
- *Playground supervisors will be in charge during recess. If a playground supervisor blows her/his whistle, students are expected to stop their activity and pay attention.*
- *These behaviors are **never** permitted; profanity, bullying, fighting, no throwing rocks, sticks, bark, fir cones or dirt or anything other than a playground ball. You are not to make fun of other students by teasing, name calling, or excluding, etc.*
- *No playing with sticks, unless using a very short stick to dig in the dirt pile. No digging on the field or other areas.*

- No “war” games. No “gun” games.
- Students are not to use whistles or umbrellas at school.
- *OUT OF BOUNDS AREAS* are indicated by the diagonal lines on the map at the back of this booklet. Out of bounds areas are the parking lots, bus zone, behind the school.
- Students are permitted to play in the covered area on rainy day recesses. For grades 1-5, the Library is available at lunch recess. The Art Room or Music Room is available on rainy day recesses. This will be announced ahead of the recess bell.
- *SEVERE WEATHER:* In the event of lightning/thunder, students will be directed to go to the covered areas immediately.
- *RAINY DAY RECESS:* When it rains students are **REQUIRED** to wear a **COAT**, preferably one that repels rain, with a hood, to play in the rain. Fleece jackets with a hood are permitted. All other students will play under cover at recess. Students will not be permitted to play in the puddles without boots.
- *END OF RECESS BELL:* When the bell rings all students are to **STOP** their playing and go to their line-up area promptly.
- Students are to return playground equipment to the equipment cage in the covered area at the end of recess.
- Only playground balls, basketballs, footballs and waffle balls are permitted at recess. No smaller balls are permitted.
- Jump ropes are to be used for jumping rope only, on the black top areas – not on the field.
- No food is allowed on the playground at lunch recess.
- Morning **SNACKS** are permitted at morning recess. No candy or soda pop, please!

## ***BIG TOY RULES:***

*Grades 3, 4, and 5 only:*

- *The large circular structure known as the Infinity Loop; going clockwise, continue moving*
- *No sitting up on top*
- *No jumping off the structure*
- *No pushing, pulling someone up or climbing over someone*
  
- *The large climbing structure by the back of the area, next to the Infinity Loop. Younger children can be underneath.*
  
- *The tall monkey bars-signs indicate which ones are for particular grades.*
  
- *Monkey bars by hands only. No upside down hanging. No sitting on top of the structure.*

*For all grades:*

- *Going only down the slides, no climbing*
  
- *Feet first on all slides*
  
- *One child at a time*
  
- *No one on a lap*
  
- *No pushing of anyone on the glider; use body movement*
  
- *No playing of tag, jump roping, ball bouncing in the big toy area*
  
- *No running on green mat area*
  
- *No pushing each other on the tire swing; use feet to move yourselves. Take turns appropriately.*
  
- *No jumping from one structure to another.*

- *No eating or drinking while on a structure.*
- *No playing tag or other chase games on the structures. Students are to go down the slide only, up the steps to go down the slide again. Students are to sit on the slides, feet first only, no standing.*
- *HOT LAVA MONSTER is considered a tag game and not allowed on the big toy.*
- *Play tag on the field only.*

### **FIELD AREA:**

- *Major games are: football, soccer, and elementary school rugby, flyers up, paper airplanes, soft Frisbee toss, and chase.*
- *No tackle football – no blocking, two-hand touch ONLY works best when upper grades are separated from younger grade students.*
- *Be respectful of games that are being played. Be careful not to walk through the middle of a game, i.e., wall ball, four square, tetherball, football, soccer.*
- *Shoes are to be worn at all times.*
- *No climbing fences. Students are not to climb in trees. Climbing tetherball poles is only permitted to untangle the rope.*
- *You are not to grab another student or pull on their clothing or swing your jacket at someone-zippers hurt!*
- *Electronic or other expensive toys are not allowed out at recess. The student will be asked to take the item to the office and pick it up at the end of the school day to take home.*
- *CHOOSE TEAMS FAIRLY: Vary who gets to be “team captain.” Take turns choosing teams. Make sure all players are involved in the game. Share the ball. Be sure everyone understands the rules and agrees with them. Play fair.*

- *NO LOCK OUTS: All students are encouraged to play with whomever they like. However, students are encouraged to play in age appropriate groupings, i.e., 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1<sup>st</sup> and perhaps 2<sup>nd</sup>. If a student is not abiding by the rules and/or causing problems, they will be asked to leave the game.*
- *Students are not permitted in a classroom without an adult being present.*
- *There is a restroom near the lunchroom for use at recess. Students are encouraged to use the restrooms at recess.*

### **BEHAVIOR EXPECTATIONS:**

*Students are to try to mediate their own problems. Hitting is not permitted. If they need help, involve a playground supervisor. If there is a big problem, i.e., something the principal or counselor needs to handle then, after talking with the playground supervisor, the students will be sent to the office to get additional help. A determination will be made after recess whether a communication slip needs to be issued.*

*Serious repeated problems will be dealt with in a manner determined by the principal or counselor. This may include a problem-solving meeting (including appropriate consequences) and a Communication Slip to notify the parents of the behavior.*

*COMMUNICATION SLIP must be signed by a parent and returned to the principal before the student enters class the next day. These slips will be discarded in June. In a serious case, if the principal is out of the building, the student will be referred to the person in charge.*

***THERE WILL BE ZERO TOLERANCE FOR SEVERE INAPPROPRIATE BEHAVIOR, i.e., bullying, harassment, refusal***

*to follow an adult's directions, inappropriate liberties, deliberately hurting someone else, possession of fire making materials, alcohol, drugs, toy guns, knives, or fireworks. Stealing, vandalism, beating up on someone or smoking will not be tolerated.*

*Hitting, fighting, physically injuring or threatening another person is considered a severe offense and students will be sent to the office. These behaviors will be dealt with very seriously.*

### **CONSEQUENCES FOR INAPPROPRIATE BEHAVIOR**

*Step 1: Logical consequence (Example: for running...retrace path again – walking. Talk with supervisor about the rules.*

*Step 2: Time out in an assigned area. (Example: Breaking a recess rule. Talk about the rule; apologize to other student (if necessary) and time out to think about behavior.*

*Step 3: Communication Slip will be sent to the student's teacher and parent, if behavior is serious and for repeatedly not following school rules.*

*Step 4: Assign appropriate consequences if behavior is serious or is repeated, meet with parents and/or teacher.*

### **General Parent Guidelines**

*ALL VISITORS are required to sign in through the office before going to a classroom or visiting with your child. If an adult staff member doesn't see your visitor's badge, you will be directed to the office to sign in. THIS IS FOR THE SAFETY OF ALL STUDENTS AND STAFF.*