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Dear Parents,

The beautiful spring weather has finally arrived and when we return from spring break, our students will be busy working with our PTA to enhance our school's grounds. (So dress to get a little dirty on Monday, April 22). Students should not be playing, running or rummaging through any of the school foliage or areas where we have sectioned off to promote growth.

The spring weather also means that as the temperature increases, the number of students playing on school grounds after school increases. We have a tiny play area and in order to maintain the safety of all, students must demonstrate safe and appropriate behaviors at all times, which requires attentive and responsive supervision before and after school.

Our students are very aware of the rules for the playground, however, concerns regarding students safely playing on school equipment and with their peers has been brought to my attention. As a school, we will revisit expectations on the playground and during play, however, it is essential that they be followed before and after school as well.

- Every child must be accompanied by an adult and every adult must be attentively monitoring and have their child within sight. This means no child's adult should be in their car or permit their child to be running round the school, ringing the bells to the building or hiding.
- At no time are children to be jumping off stairs, play equipment, retaining walls etc.
- No aggressive play including "play" fighting, wrestling, kicking or karate at any time.
- Students need to have their bodies in control at all times- eyes open, arms and feet controlled and not spinning or running into others.
- Students are taught not to hang off or over the railings of the playground equipment, to only go down the slides and to climb up and slide down the brown "rock". No exceptions!

Please help us to maintain a safe play environment for our students!

Thank you!

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