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KINDERGARTEN CENTER

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Dear Kindergarten Parents,

We are so happy to see our kindergarteners enjoying the fresh air more readily on the playground! Play allows our students to decompress, socialize, and develop essential motor skills. However, to ensure everyone's safety and well-being, **we need your partnership in maintaining a safe and positive playground environment.**

It is essential that parents, or their designee, actively supervise and monitor their children at all times after dismissal. This means keeping them within your sight and being attentive to their activities. Your focused attention on your child is crucial for preventing accidents and addressing any potential issues promptly.

Just as we emphasize safety and respect during the school day, we expect the same on the playground afterschool. Please reinforce the following with your child and monitor your child to ensure they are being safe. Playground expectations after school has been addressed, again, with our students and your assistance with follow through is appreciated.

- **No Physical Contact:** This includes pushing, shoving, hitting, wrestling or any other form of physical aggression. We encourage children to use their words to resolve conflicts and play cooperatively and safely.
- **No Jumping Off Equipment or Walls:** Playground equipment is designed for specific uses. Jumping off slides, the brown climbing piece, or other structures can lead to serious injuries.
- **Appropriate Use of Equipment and Respecting School Property:** Children should use all playground equipment as intended (ex- going down a slide and not running up it). Children should not be digging, running through the bushes or flowering areas, or hanging or banging on or near the window covers and should avoid the dumpster area.
- **Maintain Body-Awareness:** Spinning in circles, running into others, closing eyes do not allow for a child to navigate their environment safely. This could potentially impede the safety of other children and themselves.
- **Communication:** Children should be mindful of their tone and their choice of words when playing with others.
- **Personal Belongings:** Please be sure that personal belongings are worn correctly (not obstructing visibility, shoes remain on, jackets/sweatshirts are not limiting use of hands) and items that are not on the person including backpacks, lunch boxes, etc. are set in an area where they do not pose a potential tripping hazard and are not accessible to be used in an inappropriate manner. Shoes must remain on at all times.

By working together, we can create a safe and enjoyable playground experience for all our kindergarteners after dismissal. They are permitted to play on school grounds until 3:00 P.M. The playground is then closed until 6:30 for Bulldog Care use only. Your active supervision and reinforcement of these rules are essential for maintaining a positive and secure environment. Thank you for your anticipated cooperation and understanding.

Thank you,

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