



St. Mary Recess Rules

Outside

1. Proceed quietly to and from the playground door.
2. Stay within designated play area.
3. **Jackets or sweaters worn outside must remain on; they may not be draped or dropped around the playground.**
4. Do not hit, trip, push or pull on others or their clothing. Show respect for other students at all times. **Using someone's hat, shoe, or other article of clothing for keep away is not permitted.**
5. Do not climb on the fence, trees, or landscaping. Do not pick the flowers.
6. Report all stray balls to a supervisor. Do not run after them.
7. Respect playground supervisors. Do not talk back or argue.
8. Stay out of puddles on wet days.
9. Playing in the snow is restricted to students who are properly dressed—hats, gloves/mittens, boots, and snow pants/snowsuits. Snow is never thrown.
10. Use of the playscape is on scheduled days only for grades K-6.
11. Games of chase may not be played on the playscape.
12. Tackle football is **not permitted at any time.**
13. There is to be no ball playing off of the walls or windows of the Activity Center.
14. Playground equipment is to be used properly—jump ropes are to be used for jumping, etc.—not as weapons real or pretend.
15. There is to be no climbing over the top of or jumping off of the playscape. The gravel under the playscape is for safety purposes only. Students are not to lie in, dig in, or throw the gravel.
16. Play fighting, wrestling, or other games of violence are inappropriate recess games.

Inside

1. Quiet activities only. No running, jumping, shouting or play fighting is allowed.
2. Classroom games, puzzles, or cards should be shared.
3. Students are not permitted to write or draw on the chalkboard unless the teacher gives permission, and it is properly supervised.
4. Students are to remain in their own rooms. No visiting is permitted. Permission from the supervisor is needed before a student takes a pass and goes to the restroom.
5. The adult in the classroom is in charge. No arguing or talking back will be tolerated.

**FAILURE TO FOLLOW RECESS RULES
WILL RESULT IN LUNCHTIME OR AFTER SCHOOL
DETENTIONS OR SUSPENSION.**



Playground Equipment

Types of items permitted on the playground (with proper use):

- Nerf balls - all types
- Tennis or whiffle balls
- Playground balls
- Jump ropes
- Tot trucks/cars

Other—any other toys or sporting equipment should be cleared with the classroom teacher or the office before being taken outside. St. Mary School is not responsible for any damage to or loss of items brought to school for use at recess. Any such items must be safe for use on a playground full of other children and of an appropriate nature.

Types of items not permitted on the playground:

- Frisbees
- Hard balls—baseballs, etc...
- Roller-skates, rollerblades, or skateboards
- Toy guns or weapons of any kind or other violent/war action figures—this includes wrestling action figures.
- Radios, tapeplayers or cd players of any kind
- Wooden/aluminum baseball bats or any kind of hockey stick

Other—St. Mary School is the final authority in determining if items brought to school for recess are of an appropriate or inappropriate nature. Inappropriate items will be confiscated and either the student or parent will be contacted regarding return of the item.