

Playground Safety



Before going outside:

- Make sure all children have gone to the restroom prior to going outside (if applicable)
- Remind children of playground rules and procedure for crossing the parking lot. (PS/PK)
- Be sure one teacher has the phone, emergency contact forms, attendance roster, and accident report forms.
- All teachers should have their clip with the ID cards of the children in their group.
- Children line up with their buddies or holding onto the 'donut' rope. One teacher should be in front of line and one teacher at the end of the line.
- Count children right before exiting building. Always know how many children are in your assigned group AND in the classroom all together.

During outdoor play:

- Count children upon entering play yard.
- Check to be sure the fence gate is closed all the way.
- Staff should be dispersed amongst the play yard. (Not congregated in one group)
- Staff should be interacting with the children, coordinating and participating in their play. (Staff should NEVER be sitting while outdoors)
- NEVER LET A CHILD ENTER THE BUILDING BY HIM/HERSELF. If a child must go indoors, a teacher must accompany him/her.
- Remember: all accidents are to be documented even if there are no visible signs of injury. Any serious injury (or head injury) should be reported to the director immediately.
- If families pick-up while outdoors, the family member must come to the gate to pick-up child. Under no circumstances are children allowed to leave play area without a teacher or family member by their side.

Before coming inside:

- Children line up with their buddies or holding onto the 'donut' rope. One teacher should be in front of the line and one teacher at the end of the line.
- Remind children of procedures for crossing the parking lot. (if applicable)
- Count children right before exiting the play area.
- Re-count children upon entering the building.