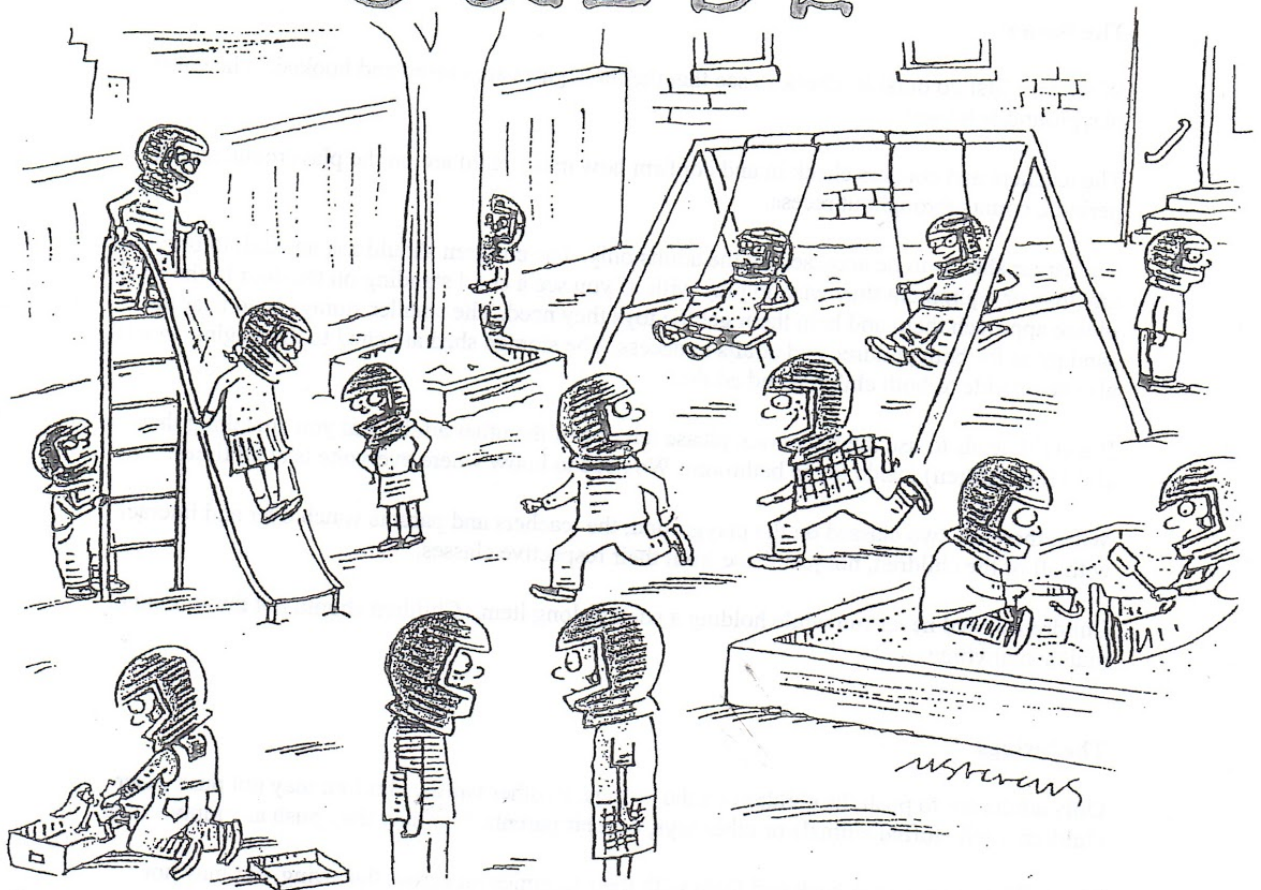


PLAYGROUND GUIDE



"I liked recess a lot better before the safety helmets."

FOR GLENBROOK

To keep the children safe and the adults sane, we follow these rules on the playground. Our playground is defined as the area out back, covered by mulch. The permanently installed equipment includes swings, a slide, monkey bars, a climbing dome, a small climbing frame, a sand pit, a tree house, a stage area, and three storage sheds.

The Basics:

When you first go outside, check to see that the three gates are closed and hooked. The entire playground is fenced.

The teachers and co-ops check in and confirm how many children are on the playground and do periodic counts throughout recess.

The larger shed is to be accessed by the adults only. The children should ask an adult to bring out any toys or equipment they wish to play with. If you see a child standing on the door to the shed, please approach them and help them get the toys they need. The smaller storage shed near the sand pit is for both children and adults to access. The storage shed attached to the staging area is also accessible to both children and adults.

If a child needs to use the bathroom, please tell one of the other adults that you are taking that child (or children) inside to the bathroom. We need to know where everyone is at all times.

When there are two classes on the playground, the teachers and parents watch over and interact with all of the children, not just those from their respective classes.

Children should never run while holding a stick or long item. Children should not throw sand or mulch at any time.

The Swings:

Only adults are to push the children on the swings. In other words, children may not push other children, their stuffed animals or other toys, or their parents. Nor may they push an empty swing.

The children may swing back and forth with their tummies on the swing, but may not twist the chains – in other words, no spinouts.

No standing on the swings.

The Slide:

The bottom step of the ladder to the slide is painted orange. A child must wait his/her turn on the orange step if several children want to slide at the same time.

Feet first at all times.

No sliding on the belly.

No climbing up the slide – up the ladder only.

The Monkey Bars:

One child at a time.

An adult must be at the child's side to assist.

The Climbing Dome:

An adult must attend if there are children climbing on the dome.

The Sand Pit:

Sand is to stay in the sand pit and not be transported to other areas of the playground.

NO THROWING SAND! A child who throws sand has to come out of the sand pit.

Rakes and Shovels:

Child sized rakes and shovels are available for the children to use. The tools must be used appropriately, not raised in the air and swung around. Tools used inappropriately (for example, as weapons) will be confiscated for the remainder of the playtime.

The Bikes:

Bikes may be used on the brick path, and the mulched areas of the playground. Students should not crash bikes into other bikes, children or the treehouse supports. Bikes should be free of mulch before being returned to the shed. Please hang bikes on hooks.

The Treehouse:

Children may not bring bikes or wagons on to the tree house. Children should not throw items from the treehouse. Children should use the ramps and should not climb on the railings or the outer edges of the ramps.

The Stage:

The stage storage area contains blocks. These items should be returned to this storage area at the end of play. Children may not enter the storage area and close the doors.