

December 8, 2009

Dear Parents,

With the cold weather now upon us, I would like to share with you some information regarding recess decisions. I make my decision to have outdoor or indoor recess based on the Wind Chill Index provided by the National Weather Service. The wind chill index is computed using both air temperature and wind speed.

The general parameters regarding temperature and recess are reflected in the chart below:

Temperature with wind chill	Recess
10 degrees or higher	Outside for entire 20 minutes
Below 10 degrees	Inside for entire recess

There are some exceptions to these parameters; including but not limited to the following:

- Raining or snowing during the noon hour
- The blacktop area or sidewalks are icy or slush-covered
- The blacktop is snow-covered
- Other safety concerns

It is important for children to be dressed appropriately during winter weather. Winter coats, gloves, mittens, hats and boots are essential cold weather wear. Snow pants and scarves are also strongly recommended.

Children are welcome to play in the snow if they are wearing snow pants and waterproof boots. Children who do not have snow pants and snow boots will not be allowed to play in the snow.

Please remind your children that snow is wonderful for making forts and snowmen, but should not be used to hurt or bother others in any way. This means no snowball throwing, no putting snow down anyone's coats or in anyone's face. Please help me to enforce these important rules.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call at 847-724-6800.

Sincerely,

Kevin Jauch
Principal