

Principal's Corner

Spring is here and the children are enjoying the ability to be outdoors for recess again. Thank you to Mrs. Gray for organizing and playing "Friendly Feud" and "Bingo" with groups of children on many indoor recess days this winter (They loved it!) and for organizing the recess volunteer program. Thank you to all of the volunteers who have been spending time with the children helping them organize and play games, both on indoor days and out on the playground.

Now that the children will be outdoors almost every day, there may be a slight increase in recess-related disagreements. The teachers and I have had many discussions with the children about including each other in games and activities and taking responsibility for reporting unkind acts. Please talk with your child about showing kindness, patience, and tolerance toward his/her peers, and how not to "sweat the small stuff." Recess is more about having fun than winning games! Please also remind your child that in order for our school to be safe and comfortable for every child, any mean words or acts of aggression must be reported. If you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to call me.

Finally, please remind your child that s/he will not be able to play handheld video games during outdoor recess. We want the children engaged in physical activity during their recess periods! Also, if your child brings a cell phone to school, please remind him/her that it must be kept in the backpack throughout the school day.

There is nothing more wonderful than the sounds of children playing happily at recess! Thank you for your continued support as we work together to ensure that every child has fun and feels safe and comfortable at West Side School.

Warmly,

Mrs. Herschlein