

PALO VERDE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
SCHOOL AND PLAYGROUND RULES
2011-2012

A. GENERAL RULES

1. School starts at 8:15 a.m. If students are not with their teacher by 8:15, they are considered late and will be given a "tardy slip/late slip".
2. Students are responsible for getting to class on time.
3. Yard duty supervisors are in charge of the playground. Obey the yard duty supervisors at all times and remember to speak respectfully to them.
4. Stay within the limits of the school grounds during school hours. Do not leave school grounds at any time without being signed out by your parent.
5. Always walk when going to lunch, recess, or the bus.
6. When the bell rings, stop playing and walk to class immediately.
7. Get off your bikes, scooters and skateboards at the school sidewalk and walk to the bike rack.
8. Take pride in keeping the school grounds and the environment clean by making sure trash, recycling and compostable items are placed in the cans provided.
9. Play "tag" on the lawn. Do not play tag on the play structure.

B. PHYSICAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

1. Rubber-soled shoes should be worn for student's safety. Flip flops or sandals are not appropriate for field games and should not be worn to school.
2. Demonstrate skills necessary for team sports, such as leadership, team cooperation, and sportsmanship.
3. Demonstrate a sense of responsibility by caring for Physical Education equipment and modeling safe practice on the playground.

C. SPECIFIC RULES

1. All knives or potentially dangerous weapons, real or fake, are absolutely not allowed and may result in expulsion.
2. Any form of swearing or obscene language (written or spoken), name calling, or any form of sexual harassment towards anyone at school will not be tolerated and can result in suspension.
3. Fighting or threatening harm towards anyone can result in expulsion.
4. Vandalism in any form can result in suspension and collection for damages will be pursued.
5. Wear appropriate school clothes at all times.
 - a. Wear shoes at all times.
 - b. Tops should cover tummies, have shoulder straps, and not show bra straps, or be lower than shoulder blades in back.
 - c. Shirts may not display violent, sexual, or put-down messages or messages illegal or restricted substances (beer, alcohol, drugs, weapons).
 - d. Hats must be removed in class and at assemblies.
 - e. Makeup may not be worn; this includes colored hair spray and glitter worn as eye shadow. Halloween and Crazy Hair Day are exceptions to this rule.
 - f. Sagging is not allowed.
6. Tackling of any kind, shoving, or pushing is not allowed.
7. Throwing objects such as rocks, sand, sticks, or anything other than balls is not allowed.

8. Teasing, tickling, or pulling other children off equipment is not allowed.
9. Running and jumping from playground equipment is dangerous. Don't "bail out" off structures.
10. Go down slides feet first.
11. Sitting or climbing on a fence, rail, or roof is not permitted.
12. When waiting in line, take your turn; do not give cuts; do not trade positions. This is not fair to others.
13. Take good care of playground equipment. Fourth/fifth return them to your class after use, first – third return them to the ballroom
14. (1st – 3rd) Wait in line, patiently, at the ballroom and sign your equipment in and out at each recess.
15. Any balls that go up on roofs, will be removed by the custodian
16. Rubber balls are the only types of balls to be used on backboards.
17. Play soccer on the grass areas only. Respect other games.
18. Gum is not allowed at school.
19. Spitting is absolutely not allowed.
20. Leave all electronic devices, games, iPods, water guns, water balloons, baseball bats, and hard balls, including tennis balls at home. **The school will not be responsible for any lost or stolen electronic devices or items brought from home.**
21. Cell phones must be turned off and put away during the school day.
22. Games are not to be played in the restrooms.
23. Trading cards are not allowed at school.

(Detach here and return to your child's teacher)

I, _____, parent of _____,
 a student in room _____, have discussed, understand and agree with these school and playground rules with my child.

 Signature of parent

 Student Signature

 Date

 Date

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Student Expectations for Behavior

1. We take responsibility for learning.
This means:
 - We arrive at school on time.
 - We are prepared for class.
 - We demonstrate a serious and responsible attitude in daily work.
 - Homework is completed and turned in on time.
2. We take responsibility for our own behavior.
This means:
 - We are honest and truthful at all times.
 - We admit when we've made a poor choice, make amends and make better choices next time.
 - We express our feelings respectfully and calmly to others.
3. We follow the directions of adults in charge.
This means:
 - We look at the speaker.
 - We communicate respectfully with teachers or adults in charge.
4. We settle our differences in a peaceful manner.
This means:
 - We do not physically or verbally fight with others.
 - We work towards a solution by listening to each other.
 - We try to agree on a solution that feels fair to everyone and use it.
5. We are sensitive to the needs and feelings of others.
This means:
 - We appreciate and respect differences.
 - We use appropriate language at all times.
 - We do not bully or tease other children.
 - We are good listeners.
 - We are helpful.
 - We treat others with kindness, patience, courtesy, and understanding.
6. We act safely and keep our school clean.
This means:
 - We respect our own and others' property, bodies and personal space.
 - We do not participate in activities that are dangerous to ourselves, or others.
 - We clean up after ourselves.
 - We follow school and playground rules.

Our School Is Special—Let's Keep It That Way!