

Snow-Specific Playground Rules

As a rule, all children go outside for 30 minutes once a day when the weather temperature, factoring in the wind chill, is at or above zero degrees. **All Meadowbrook students are required to wear a winter coat, a hat or headband and mittens out on the playground.** Please work with your child to have him/her dress and undress without assistance. The teachers work hard to make sure each child is dressed appropriately but the students are expected to dress independently. Please label all the winter clothing items for your child. With 565 students, it is very easy to misplace your winter gear.

When there is snow on the ground or it is snowing, students must follow these rules:

- Can play on the blacktop
- With supervisors permission may use the playground equipment
- Can play with playground balls on the blacktop

If a student has a winter coat, snow pants, a hat or headband, mittens and boots while outside for recess he or she has extra privileges:

- Can play in the snow
- Can play with the snow (i.e. build a snowman, make snow angels)
- Can roll around in the snow as long as they are not piling on top of each other
- Can pick up the snow as long as they don't throw it on someone/something or start packing a snowball

At NO time can a Meadowbrook student:

- Take another student's hat
- Pull on student's scarf
- Throw a snowball
- Slide on ice
- Play on the snow hills
- Push kids down in the snow
- Put snow down someone's clothing
- Break any of the other playground rules

We strongly discourage eating snow!