



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

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"Winners never quit and quitters never win." Vince Lombardi

The weather prediction is for a colder spell next week. Remember that we are outside every day and encourage students to dress appropriately for the weather and outdoor play.

RECESS & EMPOWERING OUR STUDENTS

Recess can be a wonderful and challenging time for our students. This "favorite" time of day for many can also be difficult to navigate with making choices, locating friends and engaging in less structured activities. We have dedicated time with faculty, staff and recess aides this week to celebrate success, identify challenges and develop responses to support empowering our students to minimize conflict and resolve disagreements.

"Did you T.A.G.?" This is the question we are teaching our students to use when they encounter a difficult situation with a friend or classmate. This acronym helps our entire school community to remember to **T** = tell the person what they did that you did not like including using "I" statements (we practice these statements in our circles each morning), **A** = ask how we can solve this and **G** = get help/tell an adult what happened if the first two strategies do not resolve the conflict.

Our students have received two lessons in the classroom and engaged in role playing activities to support understanding and application of this strategy. Faculty, aides and recess aides have also all been trained and our recess staff are wearing lanyards that display these letters as a visual reminder to our students.

It is our hope that through student directed strategies, recess will become increasingly enjoyable by empowering the students to navigate and reduce conflict.

Next week I will share the introduction of new equipment, the addition of some community-based resource staff and our ticket program. Stay tuned!

Enjoy the weekend!

Mrs. Tierney