

Grades 1-6 Yard Duty:

- Grades 1-3 eat lunch from 11:30-11:50, and play from 11:50-12:10. Grades 4-6 eat from 12:10-12:30 and play from 12:30-12:50.
- The grades cycle through use of the play structure, with Grades 1 and 4 getting it on the same day, followed by 2 and 5, etc. The kids all come out to recess knowing which grade's turn it is, and will tell you and each other.
- The classrooms rotate through use of the tables on the patio in front of the MP room; generally the class whose turn it is knows full well (they often look forward to it).
- Kids need to stay seated while eating and during the full eating period, unless they need to use the bathroom or get water or something, in which case they'll often flag you over and ask permission. Our district yard duty staffer will blow a whistle when playtime rolls around.
- Ice and bandaids can be found in the front office; often a buddy can help a kid there, if needed.
- Playground rules are posted on signs around the upper and lower yards.
- The lower yard is not available to the 1st graders, just 2nd and up, and there needs to be an adult down there supervising before any kids can go down there. That can be you, or one of our district helpers, as long as there's enough adult supervision to split between the two yards.
- The hillside on the lower yard is off-limits for play.

Handling Conflict & Disagreements:

- Help kids share feelings, state needs, and take steps to make it right.
- Enforce boundaries around safe play and school rules by using a "calm down" bench. Blue benches near Rm. 1 are a good choice.
- Help kids remember the **4 B's of Kensington Hilltop**: Be Respectful, Be Responsible, Be Safe, and Be Kind. Ask them if they can do the chant with you, or teach it to you!

Confidentiality:

- As you help kids through tricky moments on the yard, please remember that it is critical not to talk about them off the yard.
- **Maintaining confidentiality helps all our kids feel safe and respected on campus!**
- If you need support or want to make a report following any encounter on the yard, please bring it up with a teacher, Principal Jordan, or the district support staff.
- **Please allow the teachers and administration to communicate with families about anything that happens on the playground that may warrant a follow-up, including injuries or conflicts.**