

## Cool Tool

**Eagle Expectation:** Act Responsibly

**Name of the Setting/ Skill:** Playground – Use Equipment Properly

**SEL Standard:** 3B.1b. Make positive choices when interacting with classmates.

### **Purpose of the Lesson:**

1. To make equipment available to others
2. To maintain safety on school grounds

### **Teaching Examples:**

1. You are swinging on the swings. You love to swing and feel the urge to jump out of the swing at its highest point. As you are about to jump, you think, *If I jump out of the swing, I could get hurt. I know that I would be breaking the rules if I were to jump.* You decide not to jump.
2. You are out at recess. A friend thinks it will be funny if you throw the ball on top of the roof of the school. If you throw it, you know you will lose your privilege of playing with balls at recess. You make the right decision and tell your friend that you will not do it.

### **Kids Activities/Role Play:**

1. Teach students how to use the playground equipment properly.
2. Discuss with students why it is important to use the playground equipment properly.
3. When you are getting ready to go outside, ask some volunteers to name safe ways to use the equipment.

### **Follow-up Reinforcement Activities:**

1. Compliment students who use equipment properly.
2. Praise any safe playground behavior you observe naming the student and the action.