

Cool Tool

Eagle Expectation: Encourage Others

Name of the Setting/ Skill: Playground – Include Others in Play

SEL Standard: 3A.1b. Identify social norms and safety considerations that guide behavior.

Purpose of the Lesson:

1. To give everyone an equal chance to play
2. To help avoid negative feelings and emotional distress of students.

Teaching Examples:

1. You are jumping rope with your friends. Another classmate approaches you and asks to play. You know that his/her feelings would be hurt if you were to say no. You smile and say, “I would love it if you would join our game.”
2. You are out at recess and teams have already been formed for a game of kickball. You want to play too. You ask if you can join the game. You are welcomed onto a team and have a great time.

Kids Activities/Role Play:

1. Have students role-play teaching examples #1 and #2.
2. Discuss with students why it is important to include others in play.

Follow-up Reinforcement Activities:

1. When you notice a student including others in play, praise and reward with an Eagle Eye.
2. When you are getting ready to go out to the playground, remind students to include others.