

RECESS

☒ I see that Green Woods does not have traditional playground equipment or even basketball nets outside. Why is that? Green Woods encourages teachers to use the outside environment as often as possible for learning. Thus, the property is designed for use as a teaching tool rather than outdoor play space. Unfortunately the limits of the size and shape of the property, requirements for stormwater management and the requirements that go with traditional playground equipment have made it impossible to install equitable traditional swingsets/slides/etc. Instead the imagination space for the younger students was selected for the potential for learning in addition to play. As the site is new and still under construction, the teachers are working around this situation to ensure outdoor learning and play time.

☒ What is the recess policy? Recess is determined by each teacher. The younger grades typically have some time each day to go outside, or, if the teacher feels the weather is inappropriate, they will have free time in their classroom. The middle school age students have more learning contact time requirements, so recess is not a typical part of their day at many schools, Green Woods follows that standard.