

# Playworks November Update

## Class Game Time and Recess

How is Playworks impacting your students inside and outside of Recess?

Hopefully your kids come back to your classroom after Playworks Class Game Time sweaty and ready to learn. CGT's for the past four weeks have been focused on basketball skills physically and being Recess RICH (Respect, Inclusion, Community, and Healthy Play) socially. Each week and unit always has an over arching theme physically and emotionally. Basketball was challenging for some because of the competitiveness of the game, but with some mentions of being RICH, students got the hang of playing the Playworks way! Each CGT starts out with a quick Ice Breaker usually. Then we dig into our 3 to 4 games for that week. ***I encourage each and everyone of you to come and play an ice breaker with us! We would love to have you for the first 7 to 10 minutes of any CGT!***

Recess has been a blast this fall! The kids are using Ro-Sham-Bo to solve conflict more and more everyday without prompts or reminders. The consistency of recess is paying off by seeing how the kids are being more kind to one another on the playground. The past couple games of the week's have been Kickball, Three Line Basketball, and Chewbacca Ball! Chewbacca Ball is becoming a Liberty staple on the play yard! Recess is filled with safe and healthy play, but most importantly smiling faces

The graphic below highlights some of the successes Playworks excelled at in Utah during 2019. This is proof that the system Playworks has in place creates kinder school and a better learning environment for all.  
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**93%** of staff report more student engagement in academics

**92%** of staff report students are more focused during class

**87%** of staff report fewer bullying incidents

**84%** of staff report fewer disciplinary incidents

**81%** of staff report fewer disruptive events in the classroom

## After School Programs Update!!

A mega HUGE shout out to Mrs. Craig and Mrs. Valdez for coming to one of our girls basketball games! The players loved the support from some of their own teachers. The schedule for the last two games is as followed if you are interested in coming:

**Monday November 18th from 6:15 to 7:30**

**Monday December 9th from 5:15 to 6:15**

If you decide to come support, you can help coach and encourage players as well! As an Americorps member I am required to recruit 6 volunteers this year and **YOU** can count as one! Please email me if you are interested in volunteering for the leagues so I can send over the quick form for you to fill out!

On November 7th, Playworks held their annual Gala at The Union Event Center. It was a beautiful evening filled with caring conversations, inspiring motivations, and of course fun games. The gala raised funds to provide healthy play to every kid in Utah!



Natalie is Liberty's November Junior Coach of the month! She communicates excellently with her teachers and classmates. Natalie focuses on being her best self around friends and in the classroom!