

Extreme Cold or Wet Procedures –



Following handbook policy and tradition, we will observe the following cold or wet weather procedures:

Extreme cold – When the weather becomes extremely cold we will allow students to stay indoors. Physicians advise using zero degrees wind chill as a rule in determining if the children stay indoors. We must recognize the difference between an uncomfortable temperature and those that present a health hazard.

*We will follow zero degrees wind chill as a standard for determining in or out recess/activities.

*Professional judgment may also be used to determine in or out recess/activities -any staff member – teacher, paraprofessional or duty aide- that is concerned with the temperature outside may consult with office personnel for a cold weather determination to be made.

*If cold weather is determined to be unsafe, the following procedures will be followed:

-If before school, students will be allowed to enter building and go to gymnasium where they will line up in order to be taken to class by their teacher; office will provide signs with teacher's names which will be placed on gym walls to designate line areas

-If during regular recess, the students will stay in the classroom and be supervised by the teachers; teachers may provide activities for the students and/or provide more academic support

-If during lunch recess, students will go to respective hallways (3rd C & 4th A) where the duty aides will provide supervision. Duty aides will be instructed to use mobile television/cd units to provide entertainment for the students – movies can be brought from the classroom or library and must be appropriate for age and setting. If duty aides aren't available, either office, library or other paraprofessional personnel will be asked to supervise recess lunch.

-Professional judgment may be used to determine an *in/out* recess where students have the option to stay in or go outside for recess or other activities.

Extremely wet – Professional judgment will be used to determine if rain or extreme sleet or hail is unsafe. The same procedures will apply for extremely wet conditions as in extremely cold situations – see procedures listed above.

Legal Advice – students should not be left unattended or unsupervised in the classroom for any length of time.