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Thanks for a great week, Rockwood!

I will be back on campus Nov 18-22.

It's a full week, so there will be no adjustments to the schedule

Games



Remind students about the different core games and how they are available every day at recess.

- K-2: Sharks and Minnows, Bridge Ball
- 3-5: Sharks and Minnows, Ultimate Football

Play these games with your students during recess or as brain breaks if you're able!

Character Trait of the Month: PERSEVERANCE



We defined perseverance as trying even when things become difficult.

- Encourage your students to keep playing even if they get out in the game!
- Encourage students to keep trying even if the game is hard to understand at first!

After recess, ask students to reflect on how they persevered at recess.

Junior Coach Leadership Program



- **Expectations:** Follow recess expectations (be safe, be kind, be responsible), lead games during recess, and check in with recess staff before heading back to class.
- **Recess Rockstars:** Ms. Turner, Ms. Johnston, and the recess team are starting Recess Rockstars. This is an opportunity for JCs to highlight students who are ROCKSTAR students at recess.

Recess Team



Way to go starting your recess map this week! Once we get those finished, we can post them up throughout the school for teachers and students to reference.

DEI (Diversity, Equity, Inclusion)



What? I encourage you to use each other or your phones for language translation support instead of your students! Leaning on students excessively for translation is known as **language brokering**.

Why? Language brokering can result in more stress for students and can negatively impact their academic development as well as their social and emotional well-being. Check out the source below if you want to read more about it!

[Click here to learn more about language brokering](#)

Whoosh Claps!

A whoosh clap to **Ms. V** for playing with students at recess, and for empowering younger students by encouraging them to lead the banana cheer for their peers. You rock, Ms. V!

Resources

- **Playworks Game Guide:** you'll have to enter your email to receive access to this pdf, which includes hundreds of games.
- **Playworks National Youtube page:** tons of games, cheers, and cool downs.
- **Playworks Wisconsin Youtube page:** chants and cheers!
- **Playworks Indoor Game Guide:** a rainy day recess game guide that y'all can utilize when students are in classrooms or have limited space to play. Junior Coaches can also learn these games to help facilitate for the younger kiddos.
- **SparkPlay** is Playworks' subscription-based, online resource to support the continuous learning of safe and healthy play for school and youth development staff.

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