

## **Playground Guidelines**

by St. Thomas Early Learning Center

**The following guidelines ensure the safety of all St. Thomas Church and Early Learning Center children and families and apply to ALL children whenever they are on the playground be it during school hours, after school hours, or while at church. Children must be supervised by an adult at all times when using the playground.**

The playground is available for use outside of STELC classroom play times. If a class is present on the playground, please wait in The Grove or under the Gathering Tree.

Children must be supervised at all times. During school hours, this is the responsibility of STELC staff for children under their care. After school hours, it is the responsibility of caregivers.

Nick's Meadow and the areas behind the Ross, Oxley and Woodcock classroom buildings are open only when STELC personnel are present.

**Shoes are to be worn on the playground.** Closed toe shoes are best.

Once STELC staff have put away big blocks, sand box toys, bikes, and wagons, they are not to be used even if the storage sheds are unlocked.

Children must sit on their bottoms when using the swings.

Play inside the large wooden fort. Please do not climb on top of it.

Monkey bars are for swinging. Please do not allow children to sit on top of the rungs. Water play is allowed only under the supervision of STELC staff.

Please make sure gates are closed and latched at all times.

**Please be present and on the playground with your children. Please don't remain at the picnic tables in The Grove (outside the fence) if your child is on the playground. It's a large space.**

Refrain from cell phone use so that your attention remains on your children. When you leave, please make sure all trash is in the trashcan and gates are latched.

**STELC and St. Thomas Episcopal Church are not responsible for injuries that may occur outside of school hours and staff supervision.**