



Six Simple Principles of Play

In our experience at Playworks, focusing on a few key principles of play ensures the most joyful, free and inclusive experience for all children and adults. Try on these approaches in your school!

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1. **Every kid** has the opportunity to play every day - from the classroom, to the playground and in the neighborhood.
2. Kids **get to choose** to play and to choose games that make them happy.
3. Kids have the **right tools to resolve playground conflicts** on their own.
4. **Adults play alongside kids**, modeling and supporting a culture of trust, positivity and inclusion.
5. Play is **not treated as a reward** to be revoked.
6. **Everyone is welcome** to join in the game, because playing together is a great way to build community.