

THE PLAYGROUND

Our playground is in back of School One. It is about one hundred feet wide and two hundred feet long. It extends back to Forest Road.

The playground is enclosed by a high wire fence. The W.P.A. fixed up the playground last summer with the Board of Education paying the costs. They tarred the part around the school building to eliminate the muddy conditions during rainy weather. A row of maple trees extend the length of the playground.

We have a sand box and two see-saws for the little children. Mr. Kehs' class laid out two baseball diamonds for us. There are six bicycle racks which were built by Mr. Kehs' class. We have several basketballs, soccer balls, baseballs, bats, and other equipment. Any class may use these. The playground is used mostly before school, at recess, at noon time, and during physical education period.

OUR STUDIES, TODAY

Today, in School One, we study many subjects in very different ways from which the children studied in the former schools of Scotch Plains.

In our school work we learn to read, to write, to spell and to do arithmetic. We also learn about nature and science, safety and health, social studies, art and music, how to play games and to be good citizens and to get along with our classmates.

In the primary grades, our reading is our most important subject. We have to be good readers before we can study and enjoy our other lessons.

By the time we finish third grade, our arithmetic classes have taught us how to add and subtract. We can spell many different words. We try to write very clearly and carefully. We do not use ink until we are in grade four.

In Social Studies, each year we study something different. In Kindergarten, first and second grades we learn about our community. We learn about our home and family and our pets. We study about farm and city life. We learn about the grocery store and the greenhouse. We study about the people who help us, such as the policeman and the postman. In our Social Studies, we often take trips to the farm and greenhouse and build a store. When we are in third grade, we study about American Indians, Colonial Life, and our town.