

Please note:

*It's Time for Recess at Van Raalte!* contains many Social Story elements. However, it does not meet the current definition of a Social Story (10.2 Criteria). For this reason, while it is an important part of Social Story history, it would not be considered a Social Story today.

- Carol Gray



IT'S TIME FOR RECESS AT VAN RAALTE!



I go to Van Raalte School. I am in Mrs. DeWitt's kindergarten class. It is a great kindergarten, believe me! I think it is the best kindergarten in the WHOLE WORLD!

Almost every day we go outside for recess. Sometimes it is cold, and I put on my jacket and hat. Above is a picture I drew of me in my coat and hat. I'm ready for recess!



There are many children at recess. There are many fun things to play with, too! Some children run to the slide. Some children like the cross bars. Some children like to climb the monkey bars. Everyone finds something fun to do.

The slide  
is very tall.  
It is fun to  
climb the  
stairs to  
the very top.  
But the best  
part is

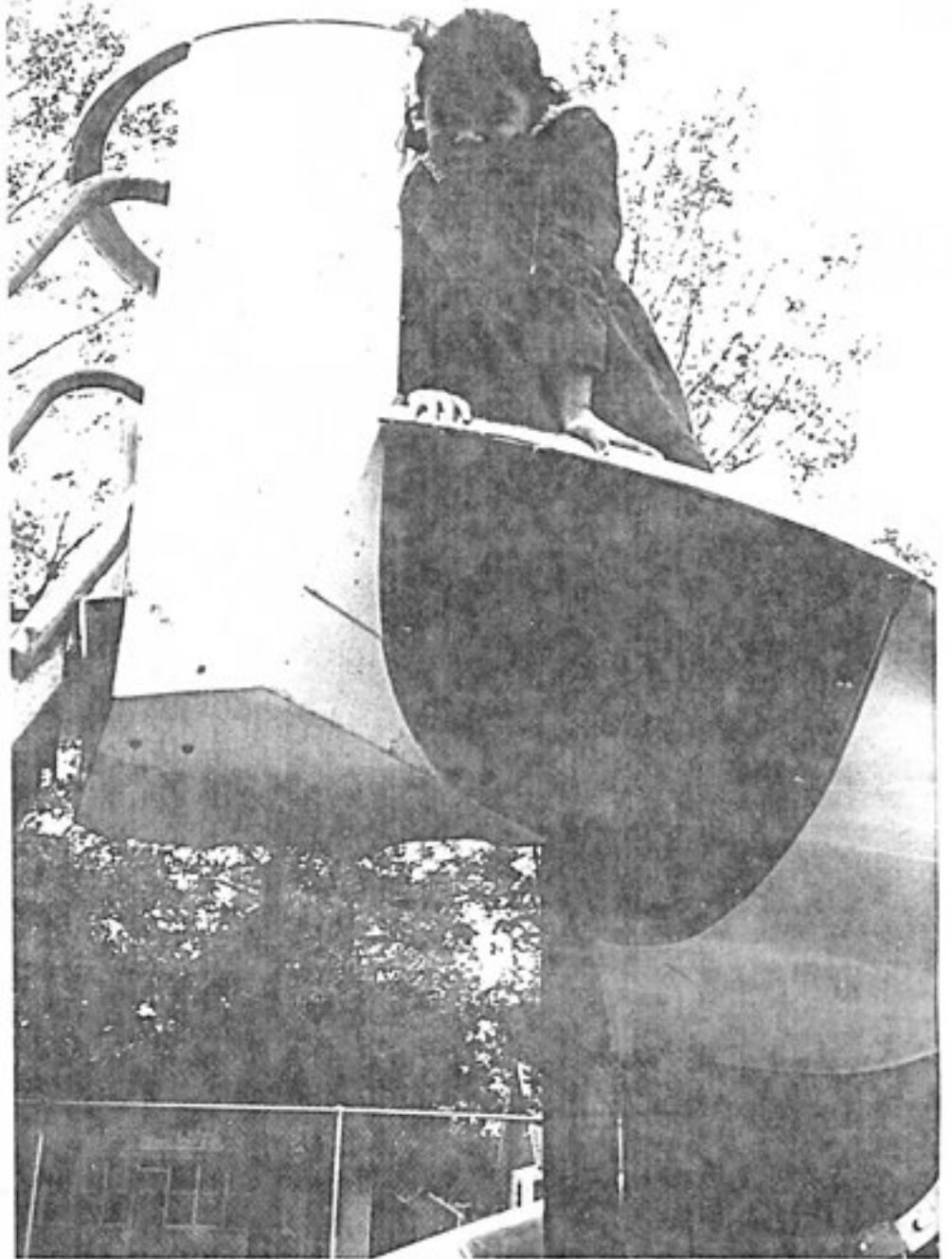
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down! Wow,  
that is  
pretty fast!

Sometimes  
there is a  
line of  
children waiting for a turn on the slide.

If I get in the line, soon I will be FIRST.

We all have to wait to be FIRST so we can take  
our turn. Then we slide down! Sliding is great!



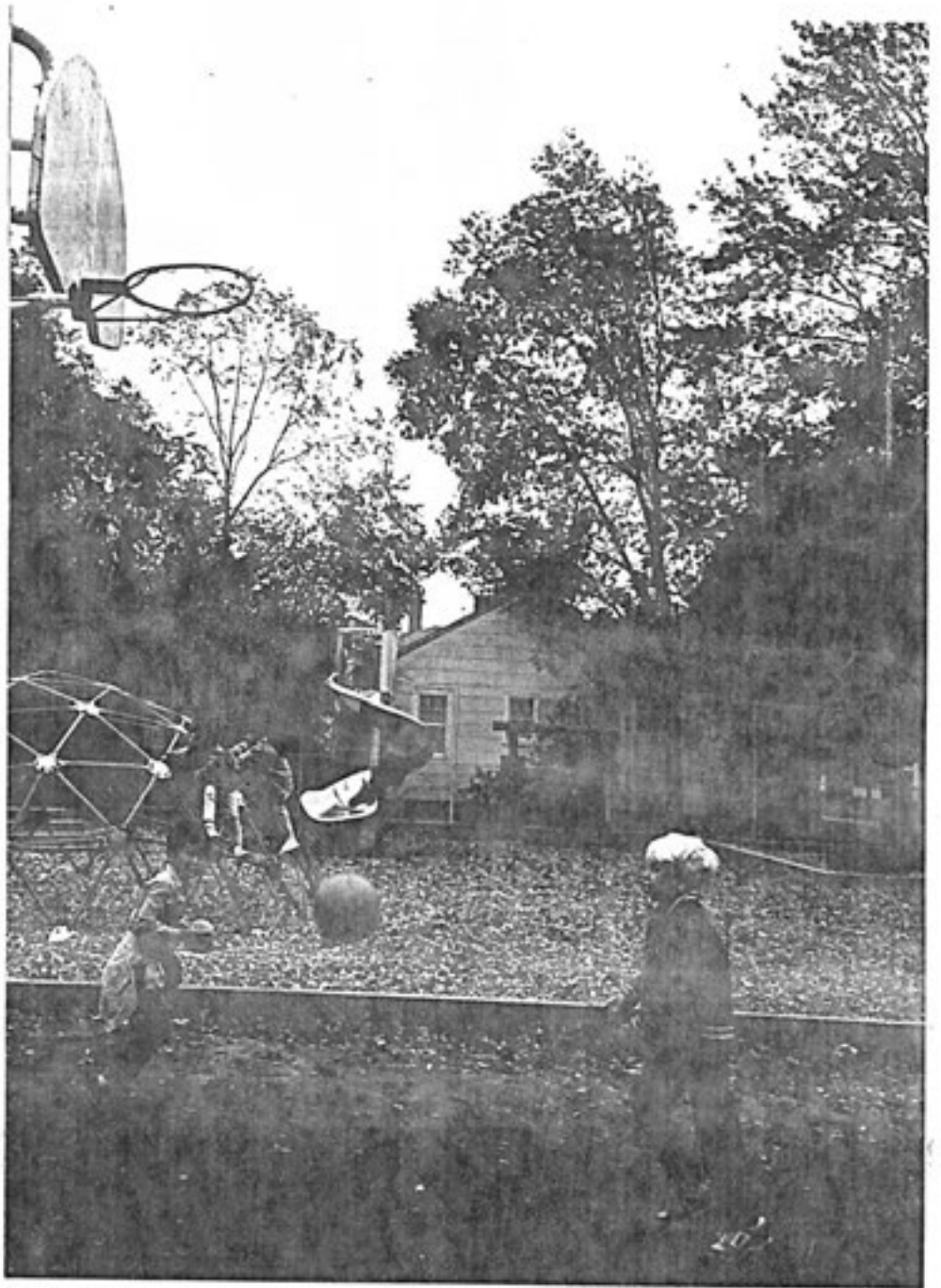


These boys are great climbers. They started at the very bottom and crawled to the top. They are holding on tight and moving very slowly. You have to move slowly when you climb to be sure your feet and hands are in the right place. It's fun to climb, and to look at everyone from the top.



The cross bars are fun. I know this girl is having fun on the cross bars because she is smiling.

It's  
great to  
take a  
ball out to  
recess. I  
can  
roll it.  
toss it.  
catch it.  
throw it.  
or b<sup>e</sup> c<sup>e</sup>  
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If I find a friend who also wants to play,  
they can b<sup>e</sup> c<sup>e</sup> it back to me! Then, I can  
o n  
u roll it to them.  
Either way, a ball is great at recess!





There are also friends to play with at recess.

It's fun to be with a friend on the playground.

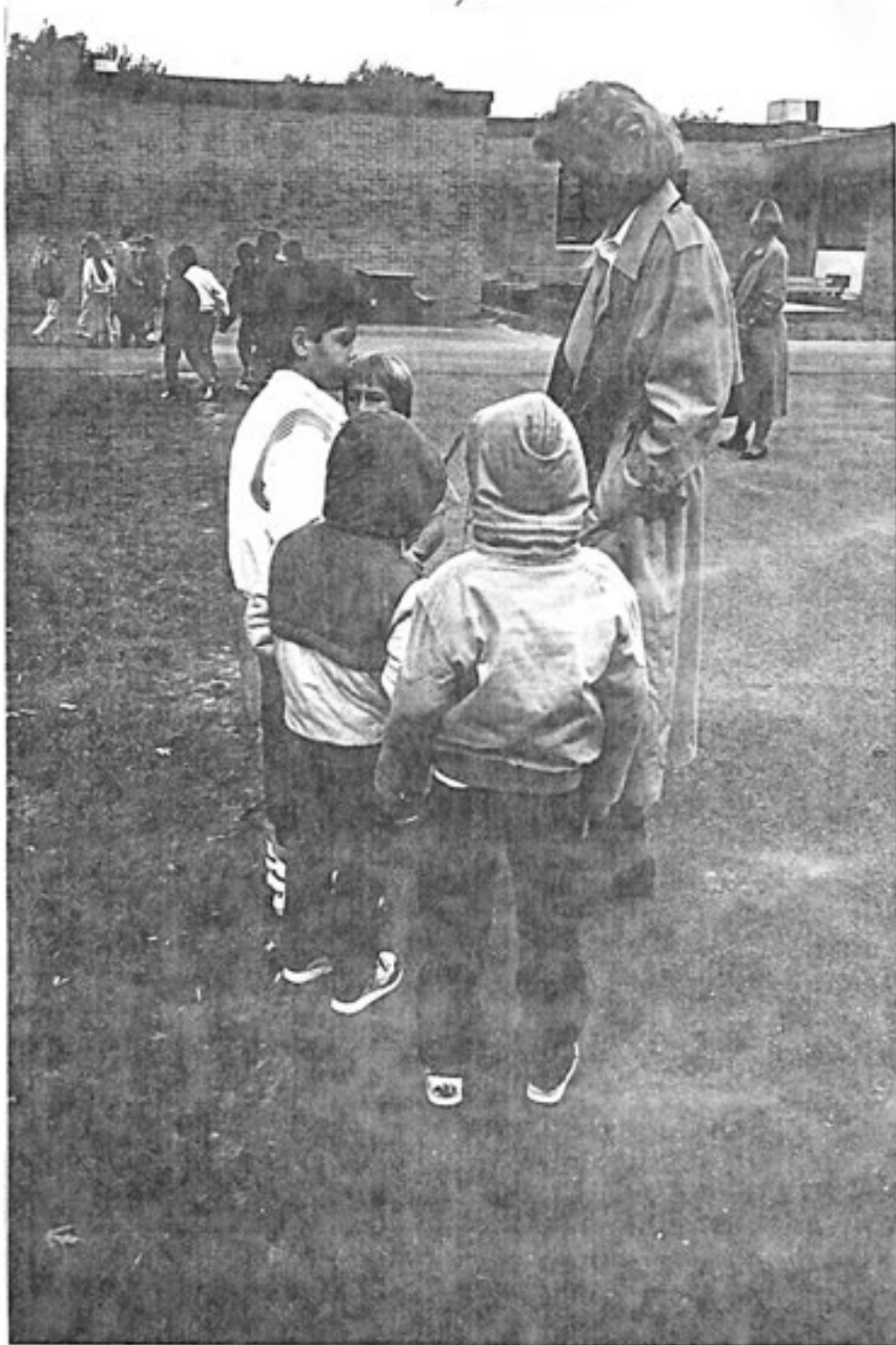




Usually they play a group game, like soccer.

Sometimes ALOT of friends play together.





If I want, I can talk to the teacher on the playground. She is very nice. She can help me if I have a problem. I can go up and talk with her at recess.

The bell rings to tell us when recess is over. We get into line to go back to class. Once we are in class, the playground is very quiet. All the children are inside. Here is a picture I drew of the playground when everyone has gone.

It's a great playground, at a great school. I'm glad when it's time for recess, all the fun things will still be there. I'm glad my friends will be there, too.