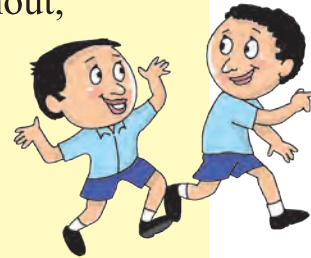


3. Recess



Girls and boys
Make lots of noise,
And run and jump and laugh and shout,
While here and there,
With quiet air,
Groups of children walk about.



A game begins,
But no one wins,
Although they play with might and main,
For long before
The game is o'er
The bell rings out for school again.



- **recess** : the break between school classes.
- **with quiet air** : looking quiet.
- **with might and main** : with all their strength.
- **o'er** : over.

Things to do :

1. Answer the following questions :
 - (a) During the recess, what do the children in this poem do?
 - (b) Why does no one win?
2. What name or names are used for 'recess' in your school?
(For example : Lunch break.)
3. How do you spend your recess? Describe it in 2-3 lines.