**ABCs of Ms. Watt’s Division 8 Grade 3 Class**

**A genda/Planner**: Planners are brought home every day with information that you need to know about our classroom and the school. **Please sign the message each night after reading it**. Please also check the pocket at the front of the agenda for any notices to be read and often signed/returned.

**B ook Orders**: Scholastic book orders come home once a month. If you wish to buy books, please return the form attached to the magazine within the week.

**C entres/Game Time**:Your child will be learning Math and Language Arts games and will be playing them daily in the classroom to reinforce skills taught.

**D ismissal**: School ends at 3:05, however your child may be kept in longer if they have had difficulty following classroom expectations or finishing assigned work during allotted class time.

**E ating at School:**Please send a small nutritious snack with your child (a piece of fruit, granola bar, small yogurt, cheese & crackers, carrot sticks etc.) for Recess time. It is difficult for them to concentrate on an empty stomach.

**F ield Trips**: The number we go on greatly depends upon parent drivers as the cost of a school bus often makes field trip costs unaffordable to all families. Please let me know if you may be available to volunteer drive.  
**G ym**: Division 8 participates in physical activity every day of the week including classes in the gym, classroom body breaks and, depending on the weather, daily Playground Circuits. Please ensure that your child wears running shoes every day or has a pair at school to change into. Students without running shoes won’t participate in gym as boots damage the gym floor.   
**H ours of School**: School begins at 8:53, Lunch is 12:00-12:50, and School ends at 3:05. Please write a note in the Planner or email if your child will be absent.   
**I llness**: If your child has a cough or fever, please keep then home. Illness travels fast through a classroom and other students quickly catch it.   
**J ournals**: Students write in their journals every Monday morning. Please chat with your child on Sunday evening or Monday morning, depending on your schedule, about their weekend or an exciting upcoming event. This sets them up for writing success. They arrive more prepared and ready to write in class.    
**K indness**: Students in Division 8 are encouraged and expected to treat everyone with kindness and respect. Bothering others, bullying, fighting, play fighting and interrupting others learning are not accepted. If your child has been involved in an incident at school, I will be sending home a problem sheet.   
**L ibrary**: Thursday is our Library day this year. Please ensure your child returns their books by 9:00 on Thursday. It is a weekly class goal, which is celebrated in the library, for all books to be returned so please help us achieve this goal.   
**M usic**: We have Music on Mondays and Thursdays. They will be learning to play the recorder this year and may leave it in the classroom or bring it home to practice. If your child chooses to bring it home, enjoy the music 😊 and please ensure it’s in their backpack for these days.   
**N ews/Calendar**: Visit Nelson’s website www.nelson.sd41.bc.ca for info.    
**O utdoor Times**: Please ensure that your child is dressed for the weather. Nelson students are outside for recess and lunch except when it’s an absolute downpour of rain. A change of clothes at school is very useful.  
**P arties**: We celebrate each student’s birthday with a small party.    
**Q uestions**: Anytime you have a question or concern please contact me by email stephanie.watt@burnabyschools.ca or by writing in your child’s Planner.   
**R eport Cards**: Reports are sent home in December, April and June.   
**S pelling**:  Spelling words are written in your child’s planner on Thursdays and tests will be given on Wednesdays with test papers sent home the same day. This allows the weekend to practice their words and our class website has many fun activities for practicing words at home with your child.    
**T ime**: Please continue to ensure your child is at school on time each day. Students must be lined up at 8:53 and in their desks and ready to learn by 8:58.   
**U nits**:Division 8 will study many things this year including Global Indigenous societies, matter, landforms, ecosystems and thermal energy.   
**V** olunteers: We will need volunteer parents for several activities throughout the year including field trips and school wide activities. I will send a note home in Planners to let you know as the dates approach.  
**W ater Bottles**: Please ensure your child has a water bottle every day.   
**X VII**: This is how many children are in our class!  
**Y ou**! You are your child’s most important teacher. Please encourage them to finish any work sent home and to study their Spelling words each week. I expect all students to read and fill in their Bookbeast form every night. Please let me know if your form gets lost and I will send a new one home.  
**Z zzzs**: Please make sure that your child gets plenty of rest. It will help them be ready to learn and stay alert every day. Thank you for your support!    
~ with much gratitude, Ms. Stephanie Watt ~