










# The ABCs of Grade Three

Mrs. Attwater & Mrs. Bortis

Welcome to grade three! Here are the important things you need to know about your classroom this year. It's simple as ABC!

	<p><b>Agendas</b> – Our primary tool for communication will be your child's agenda. Please check it each day. If you have a quick question, feel free to write it in their agenda.</p>
	<p><b>Backpacks</b> – Remember to keep your child's backpack neat and tidy! Smelly lunches make smelly lockers!</p>
	<p><b>Conferring</b> – Each week, we will sit and read one on one with your child to learn more about him or her as a reader and writer! It will provide all students with the opportunity to talk about their reading and writing and to set some goals.</p>
	<p><b>Daily 5</b> – Our classrooms will be using the Daily 5 structure to build independence in literacy. Our routines will include Read to Self, Read to Someone, Work on Writing, Word Work, and Listen to Reading.</p>
	<p><b>Expectations &amp; Rules</b> – Together we will build our classroom rules and expectations for this year. We have high expectations for students as they transition into grade three. We will provide you a copy of our classroom rules once they have been created.</p>
	<p><b>Field Trips &amp; Facebook</b> – Throughout this year, we will go on a field trip or two. We will let you know once we are in the planning stages for a class trip experience. We sometimes need parent volunteers! Also, check out our school Facebook page for updates and upcoming events.</p>
	<p><b>Get to School on Time</b> – Our school bell rings at 8:53 to start our day! It is very important that students are not absent or late in the morning – we begin our day by learning some very important concepts!</p>
	<p><b>Hands Off Policy</b> – Our school policy is that students show respect to others with their body and words. Hurting others (hitting, kicking, pushing) will result in consequences <u>every time</u> – we have high expectations of self-regulation and self-control for growing students in grade three.</p>
	<p><b>Inquiry</b> – We will use an inquiry approach for learning experiences in Science, Social Studies and Health. Students will be able to develop their existing knowledge about topics and have some choice in their learning experiences. Their curiosity will guide our planning!</p>



**Jackets, Mitts and Outdoor Wear** – Please make sure your child is dressed for the weather each day! We enjoy spending time outside learning and playing.



**Keep Us in the Loop!** – We **MUST** to know when your child will be absent from school and we need to hear it from an adult. Please contact our office (Mrs. Delnea is a very important person) when your child will be absent. **Our school phone number is (306) 523-3730.**



**Lunchroom** – Please remember that lunchroom policy is changing this year! Students staying for lunch will likely eat in their classroom. Packing healthy lunches is always best for afternoon learning!



**Mindfulness** – This year we will be learning about brain-focused strategies for learning and living. “Being Mindful” will support our students’ learning and development of self-regulation throughout the school day.



**Newsletters** – Each month the school will have a newsletter outlining the exciting events in our school community that month. Newsletters are posted on the school website – sign up for our newsletter email alert! Our school website is [arcola.rbe.sk.ca](http://arcola.rbe.sk.ca).



**Opportunities to Volunteer** – If you are interested in volunteering in our classroom, please let us know! We can give you information about the procedure for becoming a volunteer.



**Parent Conferences & Parent Portal** – Conferences and Parent Portal, as well as report cards, will be used this year to communicate your child’s learning successes! Please be sure to check Parent Portal for updates about your child’s progress.



**Questions?**

If you have questions, the best way to communicate with us is to send an email (see contact card at the topic of this newsletter) or give us a phone call at the school.



**Really SPECIAL Things** – We understand that students want to bring their toys, electronics and other valuables to school. In our experience, these things frequently get lost, stolen or broken. PLEASE leave anything that isn’t for learning at home! We are not responsible for any toys and valuables that are damaged or lost.



**Super Dragon Chart** – In our classrooms, we will be using a chart to track behaviour throughout the day. Students who are Super Dragons (with exceptional behaviour) will be given a small prize or treat at the end of the day.



**Twitter** – We will be using our Classroom Twitter to connect with other classrooms, participate in learning experiences and celebrate our learning! Follow us at [@mrsbortisclass](https://twitter.com/mrsbortisclass) and [@mrsattwater](https://twitter.com/mrsattwater) on Twitter.

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**Unbelievable Teachers** - We have lots of great teachers who will be working with our classrooms: Mrs. Turbuck, Ms. Lawson, Ms. Fulcher, and Mme. Lilljord!

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**Values (Kindness, Fairness and Respect)** – Our school values represent what we are all about! It's important for students to demonstrate our school values every day in our classroom and on the playground.

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**Water bottles** – Please send a water bottle for your child to use throughout the day! Water is essential for healthy brains and bodies to support learning.

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For an e**X**cellent year, make sure **Y**ou get lots **ZZZ**s each night! Sleep is very important for a growing student.