



*Please focus on the following at home:*

### Language Arts

After being introduced, your child will be responsible for completing phonics and spelling pattern practice each week. At the grade 3-4 level, students are expected to read 300 minutes a month at home in order to build their vocabulary, comprehension, reading fluency, and more. If you are reading each night, that means about 10 minutes a night. Students will also be encouraged to try different chapter book series to build stamina and expand their interests. **Home reading tracking has not changed, continue to initial your child's agenda calendar with minutes read. Spelling pattern practice counts towards home reading!**

### Mathematics

Students will work on math fact fluency in all four operations (+ - x ÷).

- Grade 3: recall adding and subtracting facts to 18, and multiplication and division facts to 5x5
- Grade 4: recall adding and subtracting facts to 18, and multiplication and division facts to 9x9

More proficiency in math fact fluency can lead to higher mathematical thinking and allow them to focus on new skills as each grade presents more problem solving and critical thinking.

**Help your child at home by making flashcards, test each other, track growth, play card or dice games.**

## Curriculum

In our split grade classroom, **Language Arts** will be taught together with differing goals for each grade or student; **Math** will be taught separately to each grade; **Social** and **Science** grade 4 curriculum will be taught to both grades but differentiated to allow success by both grades; **Health** may be taught separately at times depending on the subject matter; the **Arts** will be taught together.

A summary of the Grade 3 and Grade 4 curriculum for various subjects can be thoroughly looked over by accessing the Alberta Education website and searching for the appropriate program of studies: <http://education.alberta.ca/>

A quick guide is posted outside the classroom.

## Getting and Sending Information

- #1 Email: [katherine.seifried@btps.ca](mailto:katherine.seifried@btps.ca)
  - #2 Classroom Blog: [kseifried@weebly.com](http://kseifried@weebly.com)
  - #3 Student Agendas
  - #4 Class Newsletter "Hoot News" (emailed)
  - #5 School Phone 780-755-3810
- Also...  
School Newsletter "Eagle Eye" (emailed)  
School Website: <http://edgerton.btps.ca/>



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## Mrs. Seifried

### My Teaching Philosophy

I believe that students are responsible for their own learning. Due to their age and maturity level though, it is our responsibility as teachers and parents to facilitate their learning. They need to be taught according to how they are able to learn. Many different styles of learning will be nurtured to ensure every child is successful within the school community.

## EDGERTON PUBLIC SCHOOL

### About your teacher...

#### Favorites

**Drink:** Tea and Mochas  
**Healthy Food:** Edamame Beans  
**Book:** *Harry Potter*  
**Colors:** Purple and Green  
**Hockey Team:** Calgary Flames  
**Characters:** Superheroes and Zombies  
**Subjects:** Math, Art, Social Studies  
**Animals:** Giraffes and Owls

## Nutrition

- No peanuts or nuts please!!!
- Please pack a healthy AM snack, a lunch, and a PM snack
- No Booth unless parent note sent

## Dress for the weather

- Send change of clothes in a bag for emergencies (for their locker)
- Snow pants, splash pants, extra socks (necessary for winter/ spring)
- We have extra clothing for cold days, so if something comes home that is not yours, please wash and return it

## Absences

- Call Deanna in the office or email me if your child is sick
- Missed work adds up, please notify me in advance if your child will be absent from school for a time
- Key concepts are taught every day, avoid absences as much as possible
- If your child is sick, please keep them at home, they will be more comfortable and won't spread germs to peers or staff
- Snow days: posted on the BTPS webpage; schools remain open but it is unlikely that regular curriculum will be taught due to large number of student absences

## Library Books

- Send back books once a week for renewal
- Keep in backpack for home and school

## Class Parties

- Families will be asked to supply the class with a snack for one party this school year
- A list will be sent home with a class roster and a schedule

## Classroom Store

- Teaches money math
- Students earn/ lose fake money for their behaviors throughout the year
- Prizes are bought with earnings

## Why Can't I Skip My 20 Minutes of Reading Tonight?

Student "A"	Student "B"	Student "C"
reads <b>20 minutes</b> each day	reads <b>5 minutes</b> each day	reads <b>1 minute</b> each day
3600 minutes in a school year	900 minutes in a school year	180 minutes in a school year

**1,800,000 words**



90<sup>th</sup> percentile

**282,000 words**



50<sup>th</sup> percentile

**8,000 words**



10<sup>th</sup> percentile

By the end of 6<sup>th</sup> grade Student "A" will have read the equivalent of 60 whole school days. Student "B" will have read only 12 school days. Which student would you expect to have a better vocabulary? Which student would you expect to be more successful in school...and in life?

(Nagy & Herman, 1987)

## Progress Monitoring

Students will be guided in monitoring their own progress this year, using Data Duotangs.

Students will create goals, collect motivation and track specific data: behaviors, reading, spelling, phonics and math fact fluency.

You will see these Data Duotangs at Parent Teacher Conferences.



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## Parent Teacher Interviews

- around each reporting period
- 4pm – 9pm conferencing
- 15 minute time blocks

If you would like more time or a different day to talk about your child's progress, we can arrange that.

I am more than happy to meet with parents before, during, or after school about their concerns, as long as I have some notice to prepare and open up my schedule.

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