

# GRADE 3

## AT A GLANCE



The Grade 3 classroom is a busy, exciting place. Grade 3 students take eight required subjects: Art, English Language Arts, Health and Life Skills, Mathematics, Music, Physical Education, Science and Social Studies. Some schools may offer additional optional subjects.



### ART

*I can make it look even better!* Your Grade 3 child will focus on improving the things they make and on making their art look more realistic. They will look closely at the qualities of objects to make their work as good as possible. Your child will also use art to express feelings and ideas.



### ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS

*A spotted cow walked through the deep grass.* Grade 3 students use their language skills to describe things in greater detail. They make their own stories more interesting and notice how they can add excitement by saying certain words louder or at a higher pitch. Words become more colourful than ever!



### HEALTH AND LIFE SKILLS

*I know what to do if someone tries to give me a cigarette. Thanks, but NO WAY!* Your child will become more confident about saying no to bullies and taking a stand in making safe and healthy choices. They will know what to do in an emergency and how to express feelings, even anger, in an appropriate way.



### MATHEMATICS

*Introduction to multiplication and division.* Your child will learn about numbers to 1000, using place value. They will understand, apply and recall addition facts up to and including  $9 + 9$  and related subtraction facts, and add and subtract 2- and 3-digit numbers, including the use of mental mathematics strategies. Your child will understand and recall multiplication to  $5 \times 5$  and related division facts. They will solve problems involving number, patterns, measurement and data, and use symbols to solve one-step addition and subtraction equations.



### MUSIC

*Feel the beat!* In Grade 3, students listen to different kinds of musical instruments and recognize that sounds are made in different ways. Through movement, dance and singing, your child will explore various kinds of music and discover different beats and dynamics of music.



### PHYSICAL EDUCATION

*What are the benefits of an active lifestyle?* Your child will take part in various activities that will help them to lead a healthy, active lifestyle. They will grow to appreciate the importance of physical activity, while discovering essential life skills, such as cooperation, leadership, fair play and teamwork.



### SCIENCE

*Can you hear me?* Grade 3 science students learn about sound and about rocks found on Earth's surface. They test and evaluate building materials and apply problem-solving strategies to build structures for a specific classroom challenge. These young scientists also study the life cycles and needs of animals.



### SOCIAL STUDIES

*What is life like in other countries? How are people in those countries like me?* Your child will examine communities in India, Tunisia, Peru and Ukraine. They will explore how people live in these communities, gaining an understanding of the global community and Canada's role within it.

### OPTIONAL SUBJECTS

DRAMA  
FIRST NATIONS LANGUAGES  
INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGES  
LOCALLY DEVELOPED COURSES

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## LEARN MORE ABOUT YOUR CHILD'S EDUCATION BY VISITING

### **My Child's Learning: A Parent Resource**

<http://www.mychildslearning.alberta.ca>



## ASSESSMENT

Your child's learning is assessed using a variety of tools and strategies within the classroom. Ask your child's teacher what methods they are using. The different assessment methods tell you and your child's teacher about your child's strengths, the areas in which they might grow and how well your child is doing throughout their courses. Your child's teacher can then change or refine their teaching plans to ensure that learning activities better meet the needs of your child.

Student Learning Assessments (SLAs) are digitally based provincial assessments available to teachers as a tool to use at their discretion. They provide a beginning-of-the-year "check in." This enables parents and teachers to learn about and identify student strengths and areas of growth at the start of the school year. The SLAs are based on outcomes related to literacy and numeracy in language arts and mathematics in Alberta's current Grade 2 provincial programs of study. Some questions include contexts from arts education, health, science and social studies. Provincial assessment programs, including SLAs, are meant to complement, not replace, day-to-day teacher observations and classroom assessment. For more information about provincial assessment for Grade 3, contact the Provincial Assessment Sector at 780-427-0010 (toll-free within Alberta by first dialing 310-0000).

You play an integral role in your child's education by providing the encouragement and support your child needs to succeed.

## RESOURCES

A variety of digital and print resources, developed by publishers, Alberta Education or Alberta teachers, are available to help students learn. Teachers may select, and bring into the classroom, numerous innovative and creative resources to create rich learning experiences for your child. Visit [LearnAlberta.ca](http://www.learnalberta.ca) (<http://www.learnalberta.ca/>) to learn more about the resources your child may encounter.

## WHERE CAN I GET MORE INFORMATION?

EARLY AND MIDDLE YEARS CURRICULUM SECTOR

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