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# 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



ENGLISH  
LANGUAGE ARTS



HEALTH AND  
LIFE SKILLS

2+2

MATHEMATICS



MUSIC

*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.

*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!

*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.

*I'm learning how to multiply and divide!* Your child will explore numbers to 1000, using place value and counting in different ways. They'll use their own strategies to add and subtract 2-digit numbers, and they'll learn how to multiply and divide. Your child will solve problems involving number, patterns, measurement and data collection.

*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



SCIENCE



SOCIAL STUDIES

OPTIONAL SUBJECTS

*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.

*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.

*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.

DRAMA  
FIRST NATIONS LANGUAGES  
INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGES



### 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.

In Grade 3, your child will write provincial achievement tests in English Language Arts and Mathematics. These tests provide information about your child's achievement compared with the achievement of children in the same grade from across the province. Teachers will often use provincial achievement test results to reflect on how the courses have been taught and how to better assist children's learning, and they'll use this information to report on your child's level of achievement. For more information about provincial assessment for Grade 3, contact Learner Assessment by telephone at 780-427-0010 (toll-free within Alberta by first dialling 310-0000) or by e-mail at [LAcontact@edc.gov.ab.ca](mailto:LAcontact@edc.gov.ab.ca).

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

## RESOURCES

A variety of digital and print resources from many different sources help students learn. Alberta Education reviews and authorizes many student and teacher resources that support learning and teaching in the classroom. Additionally, teachers may select, and bring into the classroom, numerous other innovative and creative resources to create rich learning experiences for your child. Visit [LearnAlberta.ca](http://www.learnalberta.ca/) (<http://www.learnalberta.ca/>), the Authorized Resources Database (<http://education.alberta.ca/apps/lrdb/>) or the Learning Resources Centre (<http://www.lrc.education.gov.ab.ca/pro/default.html>) to learn more about the resources your child may encounter.

## WHERE CAN I GET MORE INFORMATION?

### CITIZENSHIP AND CAREER PATHWAYS

Telephone: 780-427-2984

Fax: 780-422-0576

E-mail: [curric.contact@education.gov.ab.ca](mailto:curric.contact@education.gov.ab.ca)

### FRENCH LANGUAGE EDUCATION SERVICES

Telephone: 780-427-2940

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