



Introduction

The Grade 3 classroom is a busy, exciting place. In Grade 3, all students take the following required subjects: art, English language arts and literature, mathematics, music, physical education and wellness, science, and social studies. Students in Francophone schools or French immersion programs take a mandatory French language course.

Art

I can make it look even better! Your 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 and Literature

How can I make my writing more interesting? Finding inspiration around them, your child will make their stories more interesting and share ideas with expression. For instance, “A spotted cow walked through the deep grass.” Words become more colourful than ever!

Mathematics

I’m learning how to multiply and divide. Your child will round numbers and use place value to determine the value of digits. They will solve problems, using multiplication and division, and will learn to compare fractions, write and model equations, and tell time.

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 and Wellness

It’s fun to discover new ways to keep myself healthy! Your

child will become more confident about saying no to bullies and taking a stand in making safe and healthy choices. They will grow to appreciate the importance of physical activity, while discovering essential life skills, such as cooperation, leadership, fair play, and teamwork.

Science

I’m digging into Earth’s surface! In Grade 3 Science, your child will develop their abilities by seeking answers to questions and solving problems. They will learn about soil, forces, and solids, liquids, and gases.

Social Studies

For the 2024–2025 school year, the draft Kindergarten to Grade 6 social studies curriculum will be optionally piloted in classrooms. To find out if your child will be in a piloting classroom, contact your child’s school. For more information about the new curriculum, visit [K to 6 curriculum renewal](#).

Optional Subjects

At the elementary school level, programming may include one or more optional subjects. Some schools may offer additional optional subjects not listed below.

- Drama
- First Nations Languages
- International Languages
- Locally Developed Courses

How Your Child Is Assessed

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, areas in which your child requires support, and how well your child is doing throughout each course. Your child’s teacher can then change or refine their teaching plans to ensure that learning activities better meet the needs of your child. At the end of each course, your child is assessed and their achievement is reported so that you



know if they have achieved the expected learning outcomes for their grade.

Students in Grade 3 will complete provincial literacy and numeracy screening assessments. These assessments provide important information about how students are learning and what they need help with. The assessments make sure that students who are struggling get the help they need sooner. For more information about literacy and numeracy screening assessments, view the [Parent/Guardian Question and Answer Sheet](#).

Resources to Help Your Child

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.

In September 2024, students across Alberta will learn from finalized curriculum in

- K–6 Français langue première et littérature
- K–6 French immersion language arts and literature
- K–6 science
- K–6 English language arts and literature
- K–6 mathematics
- K–6 physical education and wellness

To learn more about the resources your child may encounter in these finalized subjects, visit [Explore Resources](#). To view resources for all other subjects, visit [LearnAlberta.ca](#).

Where can I get more information?

Learn more about your child's education by visiting <https://curriculum.learnalberta.ca/parents/>.