

# GRADE 3 AT-A-GLANCE

## HEALTH AND LIFE SKILLS

Relationship Choices

- demonstrate safe and appropriate ways for sharing and/or expressing feelings.

Life Learning Choices

- develop and demonstrate test-taking skills.

Wellness Choices

- identify strategies to avoid being bullied.

## ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS

Comprehend various kinds of texts

- use grammatical knowledge to predict words and sentence structures
- read silently with confidence/accuracy
- summarize the main idea of texts.

Manage ideas and information

- identify main ideas and details in texts
- use text features to access information
- put ideas and information into short paragraphs.

Communicate clearly

- begin to learn cursive writing
- edit for complete and incomplete sentences
- use keyboarding skills
- identify and use a variety of sentence types.

Respect and support others

- demonstrate respect for ideas and abilities of others
- work cooperatively in groups
- contribute ideas and information.

Explore thoughts and ideas

- explain new concepts in own words
- choose the appropriate oral or written forms to communicate
- relate own ideas/perspectives to new understandings.

## PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Benefits Health

- experience movement involving the components of health-related fitness: e.g., flexibility, endurance and strength

Activity

- develop and apply age-appropriate skills through experiences in the dimensions of:
  - Alternative Environments, Dance, Individual Activities, Types of Gymnastics

Cooperation

- accept responsibility for assigned roles while participating
- demonstrate etiquette and fair play

Do It Daily ... for Life!

- describe types of physical activity available in the community
- make appropriate safe movement choices

## SCIENCE

Animal Life Cycles

Rocks and Minerals

Building with a Variety of Materials

Hearing and Sound

Testing Materials and Designs

## SOCIAL STUDIES

Communities in the World

Global Citizenship

## OPTIONAL SUBJECT AREAS

Drama

Languages

## SUPPORTS FOR LEARNING

Distributed Learning

English as a Second Language (ESL)

Special Education Needs

## MATHEMATICS

Number

- recognize and work with whole numbers 0 to 1000
- apply arithmetic operations on whole numbers
- compare fractions of the same whole that have like denominators.

Shape and Space

- estimate, measure and compare using whole numbers and standard measurement units
- describe, classify, construct and relate 3-D objects and 2-D shapes.
- describe relative positions of objects in one dimension.

Statistics and Probability

- collect first- and second-hand data
- display data in more than one way
- interpret data to make predictions
- use simple probability experiments.

Patterns and Relations

- investigate rules for numerical and non-numerical patterns, such as those found in the home
- use the rules to make predictions.

## ART

Depiction

Reflection

Expression

Composition

## MUSIC

Form

Melody

Harmony

Expression

Rhythm

**INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY (ICT).** Students learn and apply ICT knowledge and skills while learning in content areas such as language arts, mathematics, science and social studies.

## Information for Parents

Parents can access information about the curriculum and learning resources in a number of ways:

- your child's teacher or school
- Curriculum Summaries
- Curriculum Handbooks
- Curriculum Express
- Programs of Study on the Alberta Education website.

## How Can I Help My Child At Home?

Show interest in school activities by:

- asking questions
- helping with homework and projects
- setting aside time and a place for your child to complete homework
- reading to and with your child.

Use Alberta Education and other resources produced for parents, such as

- **The Parent Advantage**—*Tips and strategies for helping with homework in grades 1 through 9.*
- **LearnAlberta.ca Website**—*Online multimedia learning resources that directly relate to the Alberta programs of study.* <http://learnalberta.ca>
- **TELUS 2Learn Website**—*An education-business partnership that provides Internet inservice, support and mentorship for Alberta teachers.* <http://www.2learn.ca>

## Schooling in Alberta

**Curriculum** describes what students are expected to learn. Alberta Education develops the curriculum in consultation with teachers, administrators, parents, representatives from post-secondary institutions, and professional and community groups.

Teachers use the curriculum to plan learning activities that meet their students' needs and abilities. They regularly assess student progress, reporting to parents, students and administrators.

## Provincial Achievement Tests

As well as being assessed by their teachers, students write provincial achievement tests in grades 3, 6 and 9. Grade 3 students write tests in English language arts and mathematics. Parents can obtain information on the tests and their child's test results from their child's school.

## Languages

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| ➤ Blackfoot          | ➤ Italian   |
| ➤ Chinese (Mandarin) | ➤ Japanese  |
| ➤ Cree               | ➤ Punjabi   |
| ➤ French             | ➤ Spanish   |
| ➤ German             | ➤ Ukrainian |

These languages as well as others may be available at your child's school. For more information, contact the local school board.

## Where Can I Get More Information?

- The Alberta Education Website  
<http://education.alberta.ca/>
- Arts, Communications and Citizenship  
Telephone: 780-427-2984  
Fax: 780-422-0576  
E-mail: [curric.contact@education.gov.ab.ca](mailto:curric.contact@education.gov.ab.ca)
- Digital Design and Resource Authorization  
Telephone: 780-422-3244  
Fax: 780-422-9157  
E-mail: [curric.contact@education.gov.ab.ca](mailto:curric.contact@education.gov.ab.ca)
- Distributed Learning  
Telephone: 780-674-5350  
Fax: 780-674-6561  
E-mail: [DLB.General@gov.ab.ca](mailto:DLB.General@gov.ab.ca)
- Early Learning Branch  
Telephone: 780-422-9423  
Fax: 780-643-1188  
E-mail: [PUF@gov.ab.ca](mailto:PUF@gov.ab.ca)
- First Nations, Métis and Inuit Services  
Telephone: 780-415-9300  
Fax: 780-415-9306  
E-mail: [FNMIServices@gov.ab.ca](mailto:FNMIServices@gov.ab.ca)
- French Language Education Services  
Telephone: 780-427-2940  
Fax: 780-422-1947  
E-mail: [LSB@edc.gov.ab.ca](mailto:LSB@edc.gov.ab.ca)
- Inclusive Learning Supports  
Telephone: 780-422-6326  
Fax: 780-422-2039  
E-mail: [inclusivelearningsupports@gov.ab.ca](mailto:inclusivelearningsupports@gov.ab.ca)
- Learner Assessment  
Telephone: 780-427-0010  
Fax: 780-422-4200  
E-mail: [LAcontact@edc.gov.ab.ca](mailto:LAcontact@edc.gov.ab.ca)
- Mathematics and Sciences  
Telephone: 780-427-2984  
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