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.

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 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.

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.

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.
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**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).

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