

BIG IDEAS BY GRADE



GRADE THREE

LANGUAGE ARTS	Language and story can be a source of creativity and joy	Stories and other texts help us learn about ourselves and our families	Stories can be understood from different perspectives.	Using language in creative and playful ways helps us understand how language works.	Curiosity and wonder lead us to new discoveries about ourselves and the world around us.	
MATH	Fractions are a type of number that can represent quantities.	Development of computational fluency in addition and subtraction, multiplication, and division of whole numbers requires flexible decomposing and composing.	Regular increases and decreases in patterns can be identified and used to make generalizations.	Standard units are used to describe, measure, and compare attributes of objects' shapes.	The likelihood of possible outcomes can be examined, compared, and interpreted.	
SOCIAL STUDIES	Learning about indigenous peoples nurtures multicultural awareness and respect for diversity.	People from diverse cultures and societies share some common experiences and aspects of life.	Indigenous knowledge is passed down through oral history, traditions, and collective memory.	Indigenous societies throughout the world value the well-being of the self, the land, spirits, and ancestors.		
SCIENCE	Living things are diverse, can be grouped, and interact in their ecosystems.	All matter is made of particles.	Thermal energy can be produced and transferred.	Wind, water, and ice change the shape of the land.		
ARTS ED	The mind and body work together when creating works of art.	Creative experiences involve an interplay between exploration, inquiry, and purposeful choice.	Dance, drama, music and visual arts are each unique languages for creating and communicating.	The arts connect our experiences to the experiences of others.		
PHYSICAL AND HEALTH ED	Daily participation in physical activity at moderate to vigorous intensity levels benefits all aspects of our well-being.	Movement skills and strategies help us learn how to participate in different types of physical activity.	Adopting healthy personal practices and safety strategies protects ourselves and others.	Having good communication skills and managing our emotions enables us to develop and maintain healthy relationships	Our physical, emotional, and mental health are interconnected.	
ADST	Design grows out of natural curiosity.		Skills can be developed through play.		Technologies are tools that extend human capabilities.	
CAREER ED	Confidence develops through the process of self-discovery.	Strong communities are the result of being connected to family and community and working together towards common goals.	Effective collaboration relies on clear, respectful communication.	Everything we learn helps us develop skills.	Communities include many different roles requiring many different skills.	Learning is a lifelong enterprise.