



# BALMORAL HALL SCHOOL



## Balmoral Hall Academic Subjects - Grade One

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| <p><b>Language Arts</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | <p><b>'Eager' readers and writers develop a broad base of knowledge and a rich vocabulary.</b></p> <p>In Grade One, a balanced literacy program helps students learn to read, as well as, acquire a love of reading. Instruction is combined with interesting and purposeful activities in reading, writing and the use of oral language. Through integrated units of study, teachers plan activities that blend outcomes from different subjects. Communication is encouraged within the classroom by providing opportunities for students to interact with one another individually, and through small- and large-group assignments and weekly show and teach presentations.</p> |
| <p><b>Mathematics</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | <p><b>'Meaningful Math'</b></p> <p>The Grade One Mathematics program uses a variety of strategies to promote confidence and competence in our students, including exploration with manipulatives and the computer, cooperative learning activities, and reflection. Communication is essential to all mathematics activities and is promoted through groups working co-operatively and is enhanced by children discussing their mathematical ideas, processes and questions.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <p><b>Units of Inquiry 'Inquiry': involvement and critical thinking that leads to understanding.</b></p> <p>Focus on Science:<br/>The Grade One Science program focuses on developing the knowledge, skills, concepts, attitudes and actions integral to the Primary Years Programme's Units of Inquiry. Scientific method is realized with hands-on activities and explorations related to their world and how things work.</p> <p>Focus on Social Studies:<br/>The Grade One Social Studies program strives to develop in students an awareness of self within their friendships, families and communities. Through the Units of Inquiry, knowledge, skills, concepts attitudes and actions of the International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme are integrated.</p> <p><b><u>Units of Inquiry</u></b><br/>A Place Where We Belong<br/>Peace Begins with Me<br/>Living Things<br/>Making Sense of our Senses<br/>Everyone Has a Story<br/>We are Family</p> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |



## Grade One – Specialized Subjects



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| Art                | The primary art program involves a comprehensive approach aimed at developing skills in a variety of different media.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| French             | The focus of the Primary French program is the development of a positive attitude toward language learning. Speaking, comprehension and reading recognition skills are developed through the gesture approach to language learning and the extensive use of drama in the classroom.                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Physical Education | The grade one program provides opportunity for students to move beyond the initial and formative stages of development in transport, manipulative and balance skills. Students participate in low-organized games and activities which encourage fitness development. Through various activities, students develop their knowledge of personal safety in the home, school and community, personal and social management, and making healthy lifestyle choices. |
| Music              | The grade one music course develops the student's knowledge of music concepts using the Kodaly and Orff methods. Students will extend their repertoire of songs, games and rhymes incorporating instrumental play and literacy. The student's vocal abilities are developed individually and as a group. All grade one students belong to the grade one choir.                                                                                                 |
| Dance              | An inspiring and imaginative class for students in grade one. It offers our younger students a great opportunity to express themselves through music, movement and improvisation.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Library            | The library program emphasizes resource-based learning and collaborative program planning with classroom teachers to support student learning. Regular class visits to the library focus on developing reading skills and information literacy, encouraging a love of reading.                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Technology         | While exploring educational software, word processing, and drawing software, grade one students reason, organize, and express their ideas, and create unique finished products.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |