

# BALMORAL HALL SCHOOL



## Balmoral Hall Academic Subjects-Grade Three

<p><b>Language Arts</b></p>	<p><b>'Strategic' readers and writers make their thinking visible in Grades 3-5 using different comprehension strategies that are integrated into content learning.</b></p> <p>The literacy program balances reading, writing and oral communication in all subject areas. Reading and responding to a variety of literature involves retelling, relating and reflecting. Children learn to analyze ideas and information and to communicate them clearly, both orally and in writing. Using various instructional strategies, learning differences are addressed within the classroom to promote a personalized education.</p>
<p><b>Mathematics</b></p>	<p><b>'Meaningful Math'</b></p> <p>Children learn mathematics best when they construct their own understandings. This is achieved as they explore, communicate and reflect on important mathematical ideas. Problem solving strategies are practiced daily. Communication is promoted through groups working cooperatively and is enhanced by children writing about their mathematical ideas, processes, and questions. Computers, calculators and manipulatives help children learn to solve problems.</p>
<p><b>Units of Inquiry</b>      <b>'Inquiry': involvement and critical thinking that leads to understanding.</b></p> <p><b>Focus on Science:</b>          Science is a way of knowing. Scientific investigation involves exploration, experimentation, observation and measurement. This is achieved through learning activities that combine the acquisition of knowledge with both inquiry and design processes in a concrete, practical context. The students have an opportunity to work with concrete materials in a cooperative learning environment.</p> <p><b>Focus on Social Studies:</b>          The grade 3 social studies program focuses on the study of communities, from local to global, their various heritages and the nature of citizenship within them. Students acquire various skills including inquiry/research, map/globe, and communication skills. An emphasis is placed on the importance of knowledge about past events in the understanding of present day situations.</p> <p><b>Units of Inquiry</b>          Home Sweet Home          Opposites Attract          Global Trek          Long Ago and Far Away          Journey Through Time          Walk on the Wild Side</p>	



## Grade Three Specialized Subjects



<b>Art</b>	The Junior School art program involves an integrated approach aimed at developing skills in a variety of different media. Through hands-on activities, students develop critical and creative thinking skills, visual literacy and fine motor skills. By expressing their ideas, imaginations, feelings and personal experiences, students illustrate understanding.
<b>French</b>	The focus of the grade three French program is to develop language skills in conjunction with an appreciation of the French culture. Students are exposed to a wide variety of vocabulary through reading materials and the study of several plays. Accuracy in pronunciation and writing full sentence responses are stressed at this level.
<b>Physical Education</b>	The grade three physical education program provides an opportunity for students to move beyond the formative stage of development in manipulative skills. Students learn to apply basic movement skills to meaningful situations through games and game design, rhythmic/dance exploration and movement sequencing, gymnastics and outdoor activities. Activities and discussion reinforce knowledge and application of personal safety, personal and social management skills, and the healthy lifestyle practices of active living, basic nutrition and the effects of helpful and harmful substances.
<b>Music</b>	The grade three music program will develop the students' understanding of the basic elements of music through listening, performing and creating music. Students will learn how to play the soprano recorder in addition to the other Orff instruments. As well as general music classes, all students are members of the Grade 2/3 Choir where students gain experience in performance.
<b>Dance</b>	An inspiring and imaginative class for the girls in grade three. The program offers our younger students a great opportunity to express themselves through music, movement and improvisation.
<b>Library</b>	The library program emphasizes resource-based learning and collaborative program planning with classroom teachers to support student learning. Students visit the library regularly, with focus on developing reading skills and information literacy. Students develop a love of reading and are inspired to explore the world around them and to become life-long learners.
<b>Technology</b>	Throughout the year, students use technology individually and in small groups in a variety of ways. Touch-typing techniques are taught and applied for use in projects. Controlled research on the Internet is also undertaken to gather and interpret information.

**Skating**

A skating skills program is offered in support of the Manitoba Department of Education & Training initiative of promoting healthier active lifestyles in students.