

Should I try to prepare my child for this assessment?

No. This assessment is not a test that requires special preparation.

You can encourage your child to read, talk to your child about school activities or play number games with your child throughout the year. This will help develop reading skills and the ability to work with numbers.

How do these reports differ from a report card?

The Grade 3 Assessment is one of a number of ways that the school reports to you on your child's progress. Unlike school report cards, the Grade 3 assessment focuses only on the areas of reading and numeracy.

What should I do when I receive a report?

Each report will give you an opportunity to discuss results with your child and if necessary your child's teacher, to help you support your child's learning in collaboration with teachers.

Where can I get more information about the Grade 3 Provincial Assessment?

For more information on the Grade 3 Assessment, please contact your child's school or school division. You may also visit the following website:

www.edu.gov.mb.ca/k12/assess/gr3/index.html.



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This fall your school will be sending you a report on your child's reading and numeracy skills. This report is a part of a province-wide assessment called the Grade 3 Assessment.

The report will tell you if your child's skills in reading and numeracy are at the expected level for his or her grade. If your child needs assistance in reaching this level, the report can serve as the basis for a plan to help your child.

The assessment is done in the fall to provide you and your child's teacher with the information needed to plan for this school year.

What is being assessed?

The Grade 3 Assessment looks at reading and numeracy.

The reading assessment will give you information on your child's ability to read and to understand what he or she has read, and to set goals to be a better reader.

The numeracy assessment looks at number skills including adding and subtracting, using the equal sign and working with patterns.

Students will need these skills throughout their school years and beyond. It is important to identify students who are having difficulty in these areas and to make sure they receive the support they need.

How will my child be assessed?

The assessment takes place over a period of weeks during which your child's teacher gets to know the students in the class. To do this, teachers examine the work the students do in class, they watch how their students work in groups and they speak with students individually. In these ways, teachers gain a sense of each student's strengths and weaknesses.

This is all part of the regular teaching process and provides teachers with the information to complete the assessment. If your child is having difficulties, your child's teacher may contact you before the assessment reports are sent home.

Is this a provincial test?

No. The Grade 3 Assessment is not a test that your child can pass or fail.

