Grade 3 Language Arts

Big Ideas

*Language and stories can be a source of creativity and joy.

*Stories help us learn about ourselves, our families, and our communities.

*Everyone can be a reader and a writer.

*Listening and speaking helps us to explore, share, and develop our ideas.

*Using language in creative and playful ways helps us understand how language works.

*Readers use strategies to make sense of what they read, hear, and view.

Curricular Competencies

		Comprehend & Connect											Create & Communicate		
		Use play and other creative means to discover foundational concepts of print, oral, and visual texts	Begin to use sources of information and prior knowledge to make meaning	Use age-appropriate reading, listening, and viewing behaviours and strategies to make meaning from texts	Engage actively as listeners, viewers, and readers, as appropriate, to develop understanding of self, identity, and community	Use personal experience and knowledge to connect to text and make meaning	Recognize the importance of story in personal, family, and community identity	Recognize the structure and elements of story	Recognize how different text structures reflect different purposes.	Show awareness of how story in First Peoples' cultures connects people to family and community	Develop awareness of how story in First Peoples' cultures connects people to land	Exchange ideas and perspectives to build shared understanding	Create stories and other age-appropriate texts to deepen awareness of self, family, and community	Plan and create a variety of communication forms for different purposes and audiences	Communicate in print, using letters and words and basic conventions of English spelling, grammar, and punctuation
Content															
Story/Text	Elements of Story														
	Form, function, and genre of texts														
	Structures and features of written text														
	Literary elements and devices														
Strategies and Processes:	Reading Strategies														
	Oral Language Strategies														
	Metacognitive Strategies														
	Writing Processes														
Language Features, Structures, & Conventions:	Features of oral language														
	Word patterns, word families														
	Legible printing														
	Sentence structure and grammar														
	Conventions														