

Information for Parents and Guardians

What is the Primary Literacy Assessment?

Each May, Grade 3 students from across the Island take part in a common assessment of reading and writing skills. Common assessments measure the knowledge and skills of all students at a certain grade level.

The French Immersion Primary Literacy Assessment measures what your child has learned over the years, and not just in Grade 3. It is based on the provincial curriculum. The assessment is developed by Island teachers with the support of the Department of Education, Early Learning and Culture. It will be scored by French Immersion teachers from across the province.

All Grade 3 French Immersion students will take part in the assessment. The reading assessment will be held within a two week time frame from May 13th to May 24th, 2019.

Some students with special needs will not participate.

Why is the assessment important?

It is very important that children are reading well by the end of Grade 3 because early literacy skills are the foundation skills for all later learning. In Grade 4, your child will begin to spend more time learning content. If a child is struggling with the reading process, he or she will be more challenged by the content. Recognizing that all students progress at their own level and have different learning needs, our schools have many resources to help children with early literacy.

The results of this provincial assessment tell us how well students are doing from year to year. They also help us to improve teaching and develop new programs.

How can parents help?

No special study is needed for the assessment. Children are able to do their best when parents ensure that they are well rested, have eaten breakfast, and have a positive attitude. You will receive your child's results in the fall from your child's teacher. You are encouraged to talk to your child's teacher about how well your child is reading and about the many ways that you can support literacy at home.

To obtain sample questions or more information on the assessment, contact your child's teacher, the Department of Education, Early Learning and Culture (902-438-4887) or visit the website at <http://bit.ly/2Gxopqh>.