



Big Ideas – Grade 1

Subject	Big Idea
Arts Education	People create art to express who they are as individuals and community.
Arts Education	Engagement in the arts creates opportunities for inquiry through purposeful play.
Arts Education	Dance, drama, music, and visual arts express meaning in unique ways.
Arts Education	People connect to others and share ideas through the arts.
Applied Design, Skills and Technologies	Designs grow out of natural curiosity.
Applied Design, Skills and Technologies	Skills can be developed through play.
Applied Design, Skills and Technologies	Technologies are tools that extend human capabilities.
English Language Arts	Language and story can be a source of creativity and joy.
English Language Arts	Stories and other texts help us learn about ourselves and our families.
English Language Arts	Stories and other texts can be shared through pictures and words.
English Language Arts	Everyone has a unique story to share.
English Language Arts	Through listening and speaking, we connect with others and share our world.
English Language Arts	Playing with language helps us discover how language works.
English Language Arts	Curiosity and wonder lead us to new discoveries about ourselves and the world around us.

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Mathematics	Numbers to 20 represent quantities that can be decomposed into 10s and 1s.
Mathematics	Addition and subtraction with numbers to 10 can be modelled concretely, pictorially, and symbolically to develop computational fluency.
Mathematics	Repeating elements in patterns can be identified.
Mathematics	Objects and shapes have attributes that can be described, measured, and compared.
Mathematics	Concrete graphs help us to compare and interpret data and show one-to-one correspondence.
Science	Living things have features and behaviours that help them survive in their environment.
Science	Matter is useful because of its properties.
Science	Light and sound can be produced and their properties can be changed.
Science	Observable patterns and cycles occur in the local sky and landscape.
Social Studies	We shape the local environment, and the local environment shapes who we are and how we live.
Social Studies	Our rights, roles, and responsibilities are important for building strong communities.
Social Studies	Healthy communities recognize and respect the diversity of individuals and care for the local environment.