

# Curriculum Planning & Assessment Resource

## Mathematics Grade 3



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### Grade 3 Algebra 1

#### About This Document

This Curriculum Planning & Assessment Resource is intended to be a collection of sample activities, assessments, and resources that teachers may wish to use as they develop their unit plans. This document is not intended to be a sequential list of activities. Rather, the intent is that teachers choose from this resource what is appropriate for their context, and sequence it in their planning.

The sample activities, assessments and resources included in this document have undergone an initial review to determine appropriateness and alignment to the curriculum. However, it is expected that teachers use their professional judgment in selecting activities, assessments and resources that are appropriate for their context.

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# Grade 3 - Algebra 1

## Organizing Idea

Algebra: Equations express relationships between quantities.

## Guiding Question

How can equality facilitate agility with number?

## Outcome

3A1 Students illustrate equality with equations.

## Summative Assessment(s) - Transfer *(In Progress)*

Summative assessments can include the following.

- *Understanding/making sense of a novel context from the real world using one or more concepts (eg. “How are place value and money related?”).*
- *Understanding/making sense of a novel context using one or more understandings (eg. Students use money to model the conversion of base 10 values and relate them to base 10 block’).*
- *Being able to describe why (linking concepts) something is true, a result, or what might be an extension using learned concepts and understandings.*
- *Apply learning (create products; undertake projects; taking action such as creating a campaign) in a novel context or taking action using the understanding(s).*
- *Construct arguments by taking a position and verifying/proving it with known understandings.*

## Summative Assessment(s)

[\[understanding surface vs deep vs transfer\]](#)

[3A Summative](#) (English)

[3A summative](#) (français)



# KUSP 3A1.1

## Prerequisite Knowledge / Vocabulary

**Value:** how much something is worth; **Operation:** addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division are all operations; **Balance:** a scale or number scale that is equal on both sides; **Equal sign:** a symbol that shows that the amounts on both sides of a number sentence are the same/equal (=); **Equality:** the state of having the same amount or value

### Student Language | Essential vocabulary & concepts

- **Equation:** a statement showing that two mathematical expressions are equal
- **Expression:** a statement that does not contain equality

### I Know Statements | Metacognition

- I know an equation shows equality between the left and right sides.

### Pre-Assessments

#### Nelson Pre-Assessments 2: Finding Each Students Pathway

- Equality and Inequality - p. 28
- Balance It - p. 29
- Missing Numbers - p.30

#### Nelson Pre-Assessments 3: Finding Each Students Pathway

- Missing Numbers - p. 25

*Nelson Leaps and Bounds pages will be referenced in the Assessments to follow up for emerging learners.*

### I Can Statements | Skills

- I can write equations with two expressions (that are the same amount on both sides).

### Learning Recovery

- Balance sides of an equation using different strategies.

### Enhancement

- Correct an imbalance in an equation to make both sides of the equal sign represent the same value.

Learning Outcome					
3A1.1 Students illustrate equality with equations.					
Knowledge	Understanding	Skills & Procedures	Achievement Indicators	Illustrative Examples	Assessments ( <a href="#">Explainer</a> )
<p>An equation uses the equal sign to indicate equality between two expressions</p> <p>The left and right sides of an equation are interchangeable.</p>	<p>Two expressions are equal if they represent the same number.</p>	<p>Write equations that represent equality between a number and an expression or between two different expressions of the same number.</p>	<p><b>Write</b> equations utilizing the equal sign.</p>	<p>Indicate equal or not equal for equations with a number and an expression. Write the equations that are not equal so they represent equality.</p> <p>A. <math>6 \neq 3+3</math>            B. <math>25 - 10 \neq 35</math>            C. <math>100 \neq 40+60</math></p> <p>Indicate true or false for equations with two expressions. Are they equal?</p> <p>A. <math>2+5 \neq 3+4</math>            B. <math>7 - 2 \neq 7 \times 2</math>            C. <math>81 \div 9 \neq 1 \times 9</math></p> <p>Write as many equations as you can that are equivalent to 12 on both sides of the equation similar to the examples below.</p> <p><math>8 + 4 = 10 + 2</math> or <math>10 + 2 = 8 + 4</math>  <math>3 + 3 + 3 + 3 = 4 \times 3</math> or <math>3 \times 4 = 3 + 3 + 3 + 3</math>  <math>1 \times 12 = 2 \times 6</math> or <math>6 \times 2 = 12 \times 1</math></p> <p>Online Number Balance <a href="https://nrich.maths.org/4725">https://nrich.maths.org/4725</a></p>	<p><a href="#">3A1.1 Left and Right - Are You the Same?</a> - deep</p>

# Resources

## Mathology

[ARPD Math Little Books for Alberta Curriculum](#)  
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### Mathology Little Books

Mathology Little Book: [A Week of Challenges](#)

### Mathology Activities

Mathology Grade 3: Patterning Unit 2, Variables and Equations: Activities 8, 9, 11, 12

### Link to Other Grades

Mathology Grade 2: Patterning Cluster 3, Equality and Inequality: Activity 19 (National)

## Math Up

### AB\_Algebra

- o Lesson 1: Using an Equation to Describe a Balance
- o Lesson 2: Solving Addition Equations
- o Lesson 3: Solving Subtraction Equations

### Number Talks

- Select: Activities - Number Talks - Grade 3 - Algebra
- Number Talks 44, 60, 63, and 75 should appear

## Existing Textbooks

**Math Makes Sense 4** - Unit 1 - p. 18-27

**Math Focus 4** - Chapter 1 - p. 18-23

## NCETM (teacher guides and resources)

[Progression Maps for Reasoning Skills](#): scroll down to [Algebra Reasoning Lesson videos introducing algebra to primary students](#)  
Algebra - Key Stage 1 | Y2 - look at 'missing numbers'

## Websites/Other

### Balance Scales

Didax - <https://www.didax.com/apps/math-balance/>

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Toy Theater - [Dominos](#)

NRICH - [Cuisenaire Rods](#)

Brainiac - [Manipulatives](#)

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## Gizmos

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[Using Algebraic Equations](#)

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## Indigenous Lesson Plans and Resources

- Explore balance and model equations using examples such as:
  - Dogs of equal weight; or saddlebags on horses with the same weight on each side
  - Balance in nature (symbol of the circle divided into quarters)
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Source: [Infusing Indigenous Knowledge](#) - Main website [Grade 3 Math](#)

## Problem Solving

[Making Algebra Rich](#) - University of Cambridge (nrich)

[Super Shapes](#) - University of Cambridge (nrich)



# KUSP 3A1.2

## Prerequisite Knowledge / Vocabulary

Students should be familiar with the difference between an **expression** and an **equation**; what the term **balanced** means concretely, pictorially and symbolically.

### Student Language | Essential vocabulary & concepts

- **Equation:** a number sentence that shows that two expressions are equal. An equation has an equal sign; for example,  $13 + 5 = 18$
- **Value:** how much something is worth
- **Operation:** addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division are all operations
- **Balance:** a scale or number scale that is equal on both sides
- **Symbol:** used to show a value that is not known in an equation.

### I Know Statements | Metacognition

- I know a symbol can be used to show a value that is not known in an equation.

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### I Can Statements | Skills

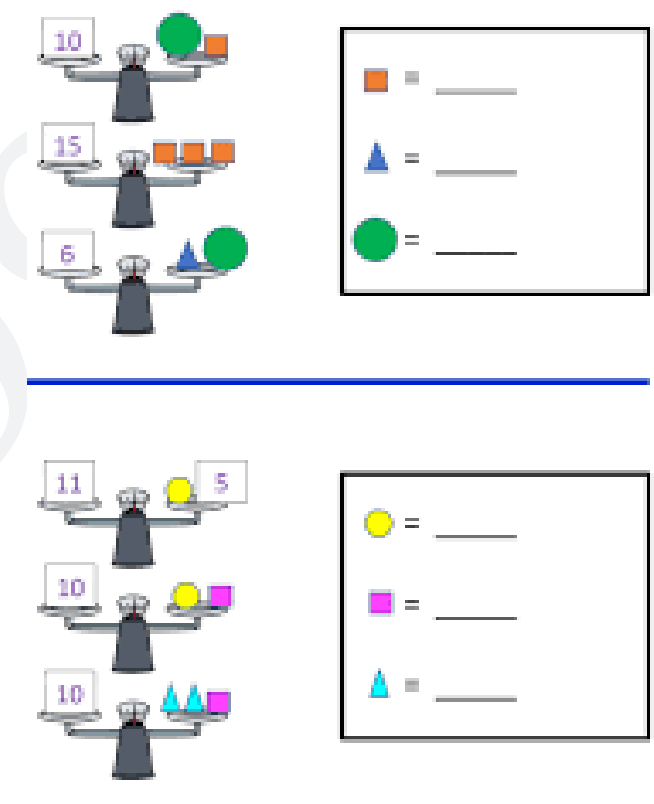
- I can use a number balance to solve an equation.
- I can solve for an unknown value in a given equation.
- I can solve problems using equations.

### Learning Recovery

- Compose and decompose numbers.
- Represent numbers using concrete materials.
- Model addition and subtraction on a number line.

### Enhancement

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Learning Outcome		3A1.2 Students illustrate equality with equations.			
Knowledge	Understanding	Skills & Procedures	Achievement Indicators	Illustrative Examples	Assessments
<p>Equations can be modelled using a balance.</p> <p>A symbol may represent an unknown value in an equation.</p>	<p>Equations can include unknown values.</p>	<p><b>Model</b> equations that include an unknown value, including with a balance.</p>	<p><b>Model</b> the same value on either side of an equal sign using manipulatives (e.g., counters, unit cubes, etc.) on a pan balance.</p>	<p><a href="#">Algebra: Solving equations with one unknown - addition</a> (Discovery Education UK video)</p> <p><a href="#">Manipulative using cups and counters on a balance scale</a></p> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p><b>Determine the Value of Each Shape</b></p>  </div> <p><a href="#">From Mathstory.com</a> - solving for symbols on a balance scale</p> <p><a href="#">Toy Theatre - Balance Scale</a></p>	<p><a href="#">3A1.2 Both Sides Equal</a> - surface</p> <p><a href="#">3A1.2 Solve It!</a> - surface</p> <p><a href="#">Solving Equations</a> - Choosing Learning Activities (Samples at the bottom of the page) - LearnAlberta Planning Guide Grade 4</p>

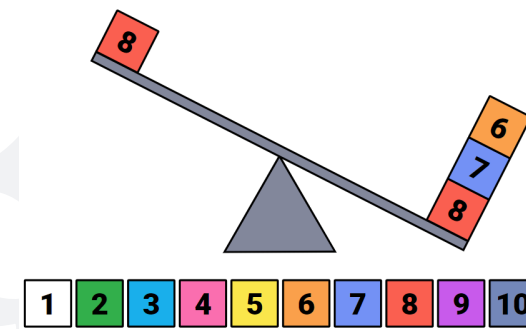
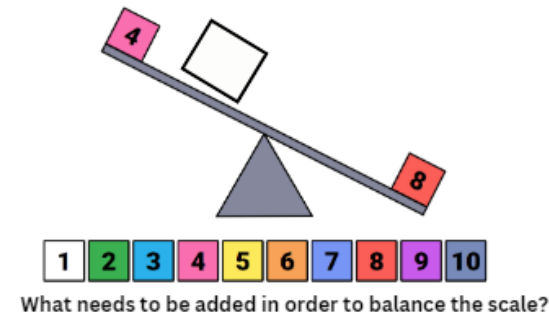


**Determine** an unknown value on the left or right side of an equation, limited to equations with one operation.

Solve, using manipulatives, a given equation with one unknown.

**Represent** a variety of different equations resulting in the same given number.

**Use** various strategies to balance an equation.



[Toy Theatre - Balance Scale](#)

[NCTM - balance scale with shapes](#)

[NCTM - Balance with Numbers](#)

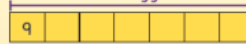
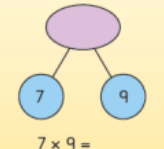



$$5 + \square = 8$$

Write equations with one unknown that are equivalent to 12 on both sides similar to the examples below.

- $10 + \square = 8 + 4$
- $3 \times 4 = x + 6$
- $1 \times 12 = \square \times 1$
- $14 - 2 = x + 2$

[3A1.2 A Symbol is Needed! - surface](#)

				<p>Find the unknown value:</p> <p>a. <math>14 + 7 = \triangle</math></p> <p>b. <math>20 - \bigcirc = 15</math></p> <p>c. <math>\square + 2 = 18</math></p> <p>d. <math>16 - 4 = \hexagon</math></p> <p>Manitoba Ministry of Education. Grade 3 Mathematics: <a href="#">Support Document for Teachers</a>. p.20</p>	
		<p><b>Solve</b> problems using equations, limited to equations with one operation.</p>	<p>Solve one operation problems using equations.</p>	<p><b>Word problems</b></p> <p><b>I am learning</b> to change a word problem into a model drawing, a number bond or an equation, and vice versa.</p> <p>We can represent word problems as model drawings, number bonds and/or equations.</p> <p>Seven hens each lay nine eggs. How many eggs did they lay altogether?</p> <p>Total eggs?    <math>7 \times 9 = \underline{\quad}</math></p> <p>Remember: when using a number bond to show addition and subtraction, the total/minuend is at the top. When showing multiplication and division, the product/dividend is at the top.</p> <p>  <math>7 \times 9 = \underline{\quad}</math></p> <p>Create activity  96</p>	<p><b>3A1.2 Let's Solve Them! - deep</b></p>

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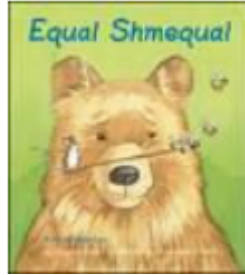
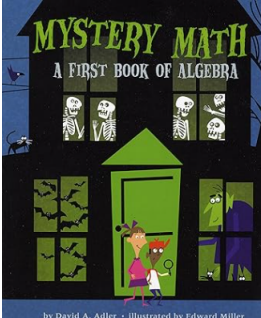


**KUSP 3A1.1**

**KUSP 3A1.2**

[Literature Connections](#)

# Literature Connections

Title & Author	Format (Picture Book, Novel, Non-fiction, other)	Publisher & ISBN	Notes
<p><b><i>Equal Shmequal</i> by Virginia Kroll</b></p> <p>What does it mean to be equal? Mouse and her friends want to play tug-of-war but they can't figure out how to make teams that are equal. Nothing works until Mouse starts thinking mathematically. Wonderful illustrations capture Mouse and her animal friends from whiskers to tails.</p>	<p>Picture Book</p>	<p>Charlesbridge; Illustrated edition (July 1 2005)</p> <p>10- 1570918929 13-978-1570918926</p>	 <p>3A1.1 <a href="#">Lesson Plan</a> developed by BC Teachers</p>
<p><b><i>Mystery Math: A First Book of Algebra</i> by David A Adler</b></p> <p>Boo! There is a mystery behind every door of the creepy haunted house. Luckily, algebra will help you solve each problem. By using simple addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division, you'll discover that solving math mysteries isn't scary at all -- it's fun!</p>	<p>Picture Book</p>	<p>Holiday House; Reprint edition (June 1, 2012)</p> <p>10-0823425487 13-978-0823425488</p>	<p>Solving various mysteries with algebra</p>  <p>3A1.2 <a href="#">Read Aloud</a></p>