

November 2016

The Month Ahead

At Innova

Grade 6
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When Adam was introduced to the classical Christian method of teaching he was extremely happy to find that God and the Bible were not isolated into a single Bible class, but was central in all subjects. Adam has most recently taught Grades 11 and 12 biology and chemistry as well as computer technology, and has taught in other various aspects in school and church. Adam found that this has helped give him the foundation and longing to teach the classical Christian method and to teach students how to learn and grow in Godliness. He has many hobbies to occupy his time like travelling, reading, playing sports, hiking, photography, but most of all he loves God, theology, his wife and two children.



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Teacher

Grade 5 and
Grade 6

Language Arts: Students will explore excerpts from great literary works as they learn to distinguish between arguments and quarrels. They will then learn terminology used to refute a part of a story as unbelievable, improbable, unclear, or improper. Topics include:

Literature

- Excerpt from *The Journal of John Woolman*, "Give Me Liberty or Give Me Death" by Patrick Henry, *The Fort, and an Unexpected Meeting* by R.M. Ballantyne, *An Indian Summer Day on the Prairie* (poem) by V. Lindsay and *On the River* (poem) by P. Laurence Dunbar
- Oral and written narrations
- Poetry recitation (elocution skills)

Writing

- Changing word meanings with the prefixes *in-*, *im-*, and *un-*
- Removing unnecessary adjectives and making nouns more specific
- Writing arguments
- Writing a short narrative with dialogue

Grammar and Spelling

- Subject and verb agreement
- Direct objects
- Silent final e rules

Christian Education: It has been amazing studying what the Bible teaches about the end times and what is in store for both Christians and non-Christians. We will continue studying this topic and then transition to the condition of man with respect to:

- The Fall
- Sin
- Separation
- Curse

History/Geography: This month, students will turn their attention to events in Europe during the 16th century. Topics include:

- The Protestant Reformation (Martin Luther, John Calvin, the Church of England, William Tyndale, the Anabaptist, the Counter-Reformation)
- The Renaissance
- King Henry VIII, Queen Mary I, Queen Elizabeth I
- The countries, capitals, major waters, and landforms of Western Europe

Mathematics: In mathematics this month, students will focus on rates and percent. Topics include:

- Rates of moving objects
- Percent as fractions and decimals
- Percent of a quantity
- Percent in real world situation

Science: In science, students will continue to study the cell and its major components, as well as begin a unit on nutrition. Nutrition closely relates to how well cells function. Students will learn about the two major groups of nutrients:

- Macronutrients
- Micronutrients

Grade 6 – The Logic Stage

The strong knowledge base established in the grammar school provides a solid foundation as students enter the logic school. As perspective widens, students start to make meaningful connections across the curriculum. Students show more independence in their learning and establish systems in self-regulation and personal study skills. Shaping students' habits of heart, mind, and soul is a key focus as students deepen their understanding of God's purpose for his creation and their role in his redemptive plan. Teachers continue to foster the love of learning, and students have opportunities to show marked maturity academically and spiritually as they learn to critically analyze ideas and speak to issues in light of God's purposes.

Latin 3: In Latin class this month, students will learn the first declension of nouns. They will also continue to build their Latin vocabulary, and find English derivatives which are put to chant or song to assist with memorization and pronunciation. Topics include:

- 1st declension of the noun endings *a, ae, ae, am, ā, ae, ārum, īs, ās, and īs*
- Case (how a noun is used in a sentence): nominative, genitive, dative, accusative, and ablative
- Chapter Maxim: *Arma virumque canō* – Of arms and the man I sing – Vergil's Aeneid
- Review of Chapters 1 - 4

French 2: We will continue with the AIM (Accelerative Integrated Methodology) which is a program that includes gestures related to high-frequency vocabulary, plays for students to perform, and songs in French. This month, students will:

- Memorize 2 Timothy 3:16 in French
- Begin memorizing and acting out the play *Boucles Violettes* (Goldilocks and the Three Bears)
- Complete comprehension activities related to the play and review how to answer simple questions in French
- Practice the play and gestures at home using the online portal or DVD

Visual Arts: This month, students will explore expression in art by creating expression in self-portraits. Students will also investigate drawing techniques used in visual arts. Topics in art include:

- Drawing techniques: blending, lines, shading
- Walk Through History art
- Self-portraits

Dramatic Arts: This month, students in drama will focus on character development while rehearsing for the *Alice in Wonderland* play and Remembrance Day performance. Drama workshops include:

- Discover my character
- Drama reflection

Music: Grade 6 students will continue to develop their musical knowledge and talent. This month, they will practice:

- Sight-singing with solfege
- Singing in canon and simple 2-part
- Reading the treble clef staff: upper ledger lines
- Playing the ukulele
- Christmas repertoire

Physical Education: Students had a great time competing in the cross-country meet! Congratulations to all! This month, students will learn the fundamentals of volleyball, including:

- The rules of the game
- Setting, bumping, and serving
- Ball control

Please note that although students in different grades often study the same topic, curricular expectations are tailored to individual grade levels.

Upcoming Events

November 3rd – Picture Day Retake

November 11th – Remembrance Day Chapel – all welcome

November 16th – Alice in Wonderland Dress Rehearsal – all welcome

November 17th – One Act Play Drama Festival – Stouffville

November 18th - Pizza Lunch

November 25th – Walk Through History Day &

Term 1 Ends – Reports Sent Home

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