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

# The Month Ahead



At Innova

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**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 16<sup>th</sup> century. Topics include:

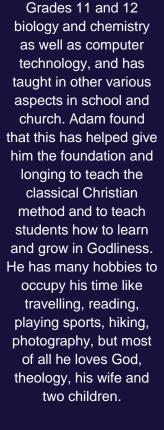
- The Protestant Reformation (Martin Luther, John Calvin, the Church of England, William Tyndale, the Anabaptist, the Counter-Reformation)
- The Renaissance
- King Henry VIII, Queen Mary I, Queen Elizabeth I
- The countries, capitals, major waters, and landforms of Western Europe

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





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Grade 5 and Grade 6

## 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:

- 1<sup>st</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> – Picture Day Retake
November 11<sup>th</sup> – Remembrance Day Chapel – all welcome
November 16<sup>th</sup> – Alice in Wonderland Dress Rehearsal – all welcome
November 17<sup>th</sup> – One Act Play Drama Festival – Stouffville
November 18<sup>th</sup> - Pizza Lunch
November 25<sup>th</sup> – Walk Through History Day &

Term 1 Ends – Reports Sent Home

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