

March 2017

The Month Ahead

At Innova

Grade 5
Mr. Adam Ogborne

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.



Adam Ogborne
Teacher

Grade 5 and
Grade 6

Literature and Writing: Students will write either a refutation or confirmation of the short story, *Little Rough-Face*, the *Mikmaq Cinderella*. They will then begin an informative essay based on a topic chosen from seventeenth century life in North America. To complement their study, students will enjoy the historical novel *Madeleine Takes Command* by Ethel C. Brill. This is the true story of Madeleine de Vercheres, a teenage girl living in seventeenth century New France who must take command and defend her family's fort against an Iroquois attack. Skills practised include:

- Outlining
- Summarizing
- Creatively rewriting sentences
- Turning adverb phrases into simple adverbs
- Using abstract and concrete nouns
- Analyzing and inferring from a given text

Grammar and Spelling: This month, students will practise applying all spelling and grammar rules learned to date. Topics include:

- 1-1-1, 2-2-1-1, ie/ei, and e-dropping rules
- Punctuation
- Diagramming sentences

Christian Education: Students are undertaking a survey of the gospel of John and will examine:

- Its truths
- Its claims
- Its application

History/Geography: This month, students will complete their study of seventeenth century Japan, then focus on colonies in the New World. Topics include:

- The closing of Japan
- The Dutch in the New World
- The spread of slavery

Mathematics: Students, this month, will explore angles in mathematics. Topics will include:

- Angles on a line
- Angles at a point
- Vertical angles

Science: Students will continue to develop their experiments for the science fair as well as learn about forestry and agriculture. Topics include:

- The importance of plants
- How plants grow

Grade 5 – 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: Students will review the second declension of masculine and neuter nouns. They will also continue to build their Latin vocabulary, and find English derivatives, which are put to chant to assist with memorization and pronunciation. Review topics include:

- Second declension noun endings for masculine and neuter nouns
- Linking verb (sum, esse)
- Nominative case subjects
- Predicate nominatives

French 2: In March, the Level 2 French class will continue with the AIM (Accelerative Integrated Methodology), with students practising the play and gestures at home using the online portal or DVD. Students will:

- Continue rehearsing and memorizing the play *Boucles violettes* and prepare to act it out with puppets
- Work with a new list of vocabulary words in preparation for a spelling test
- Learn how to answer open-ended questions in French using familiar vocabulary

Visual Arts: Students will explore the art of ancient Japan. Topics include:

- Origami
- Radial paper relief sculpture
- Japanese masks

Music: The grade five music class continues to progress in their choral singing, note reading, and ukulele ensemble. This month, we begin a new unit in ukulele and will continue to refine both vocal technique and reading notation as we prepare for the spring concert. Specific topics covered are:

- Key signatures and the F scale on ukulele
- Spring concert repertoire for ukulele and choir
- Sight-singing with jumps of intervals of a third

Physical Education: Students will begin playing floor hockey this month. They will learn:

- Rules of the game
- Skills (puck handling, passing, shooting)
- How to play offence and defence

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

Upcoming Events

- March 2nd – ASCI Public Speaking Festival – Mississauga Christian Academy
- March 3rd – Pizza Lunch; Term 2 Ends – Reports Sent Home
- March 9th - Parent/Teacher Interviews – Term 2
- March 10th – Maple Syrup Festival – Bruce's Mill
- March 13th – March Break Begins
- March 27th – Classes Resume

Innova Academy aspires to graduate young men and women who will possess the virtues, wisdom, knowledge, and skills necessary for further academic study.