

April 2017

The Month Ahead

At Innova

Grade 6
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.



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Teacher

Grade 5 and
Grade 6

Literature and Writing: This month, students will complete an informative essay based on a topic chosen from seventeenth century life in North America. They will then create a PowerPoint and present their essay to their classmates. Students will also complete the historical novel *Madeleine Takes Command* by Ethel C. Brill. Students will:

- Select content and take notes
- Summarize information
- Construct a clear thesis with three main points
- Create a point-form outline
- Write well-structured body paragraphs
- Write a clear and effective introduction and conclusion
- Practise avoiding wordiness and choosing precise nouns and verbs
- Use a checklist to proofread and edit their essay
- Learn to create an effective PowerPoint presentation
- Present their essay using good elocution skills

Grammar and Spelling: Students will continue to analyze and learn their weekly spelling words, as well as apply spelling rules to daily writing. This month, students will learn the y-exchange rule. This month's grammar study will focus on nouns. Topics include:

- Concrete and abstract nouns
- Distinguishing nouns, adjectives, and verbs
- Possessive nouns
- Direct and indirect objects
- Predicate nominatives

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

- Jesus' claims
- Historical context

History/Geography: This month, students will continue to study events and people in seventeenth century Europe and the New World. Students will explore:

- The Great Fire of London
- The Plague in England
- The English Civil War
- The New World in conflict
- King Phillip's War
- Louis XIV saves France
- William Penn's holy experiment
- The universal laws of Newton and Locke
- Scientific farming

Mathematics: This month, students will focus on finding the areas of the following:

- Triangles
- Quadrilaterals
- Polygons
- Composite figures

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.

Science: This month, students are preparing for the science fair held on April 13th. They will also continue to learn about forestry and agriculture. Topics include:

- Identifying plants and trees
- Agricultural needs and processes

Latin 3: Students will learn how to decline adjectives and their respective endings. Topics include:

- 1st and 2nd declension endings for masculine, feminine, and neuter adjectives
- Adjectives, adjective questions, and agreement
- 1st and 2nd declension for the adjective "magnus"
- Predicate adjective sentence patterns

French 2: In April, 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 act it out with puppets
- Work with a new list of vocabulary words in preparation for a spelling test
- Practise answering open-ended questions in French using familiar vocabulary
- Begin to learn how to conjugate verbs with the subject pronouns *je, tu, il, elle* and *on*

Visual Arts: This month, students will continue to explore ancient Japanese art and begin to learn about cubism while studying the works of Pablo Picasso. Topics include:

- Ancient Japanese masks
- A changing vision: meet Pablo Picasso
- What is cubism?
- Pablo Picasso cubism portrait

Dramatic Arts: This month, students will participate in a miming workshop. Topics Include:

- The history of mime
- Mime techniques
- Mime charades
- Mime presentation

Music: In April, the Grade 6 class will continue to expand their knowledge of ukulele, the treble clef staff, and two-part harmony as well as practise repertoire for the spring concert. Specifically, they will cover:

- Ensemble playing on boomwhackers
- Spring choral and ukulele repertoire
- Chording on the ukulele
- Listening exercises

Physical Education: Students will begin to learn the game of badminton this month, and will focus on the following:

- Rules of the game
- Serving
- Hitting and receiving
- Strategy

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

Upcoming Events

April 4th – ACSI Chess Tournament – Brampton Christian School

April 6th – Maple Syrup Festival – Bruce's Mill

April 7th & April 20th – Pizza Lunch

April 12th – Firehall Tour – Central York Fire Station - JK – Gr. 2

April 13th – Science Fair – Cedarview Gym

April 14th & 17th – Good Friday & Easter Monday – No School

April 24th – ACSI Badminton – Stouffville Christian School

April 27th – ACSI Math Olympics – Mississauga Christian Academy

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