

May 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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Grade 5 and
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Literature and Writing: This month, students will enter the fantasy world of J.R.R. Tolkien as they begin a study of *The Hobbit*. Students will:

- Explore literary device, plot development, vocabulary, characterization, and themes
- Discuss lessons learned and Biblical application
- Reflect on and write from a variety of writing prompts
- Write a letter to Gandalf
- Complete a five-paragraph literary essay

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's grammar study will focus on correct usage of nouns and pronouns. Topics include:

- Direct objects
- Indirect objects
- Predicate nominatives

Bible: Students will study the book *Cold Case Christianity*. They will examine the historicity and validity of the Bible, which includes, but is not limited to:

- Biblical inerrancy
- Biblical accuracy
- Biblical infallibility

History/Geography: This month, students will continue to study people and events in the seventeenth century. Studies will focus on:

- The Ottoman Turks
- Russia and Peter the Great
- The English in India

Mathematics: This month, students will focus on finding the circumference and area of circles by identifying and understanding the following:

- Radius
- Diameter
- Pi

Science: In science this month, students will study simple machines and motion. Topics include:

- Key vocabulary
- Levers
- Force
- Laws of motion

Visual Arts: This month, students will continue to explore cubism by examining the works of Pablo Picasso. Topics include:

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

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.

Dramatic Arts: This month, students will continue to work on miming and begin preparing spring skits for Market Day. Topics this month include:

- The history of mime
- Mime techniques
- Mime charades
- Mime presentation
- Spring skit practises

Music: The Innova students are very busy preparing for the spring concert on May 25th. Students are:

- Learning to sing as part of an ensemble
- Developing the ability to sing in harmony
- Developing good vocal tone
- Polishing ukulele pieces and learning to play in an ensemble

Latin 3: Students will review the first and second declension of masculine, feminine and neuter adjective endings and learn the second conjugation of verbs. 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:

- Adjective endings
- Review of adjective endings for masculine, feminine and neuter words
- Second conjugation of verbs
- First declension masculine exceptions

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

- Continue to memorize and rehearse the play *Boucles violettes* in preparation for the spring concert
- Continue conjugating verbs with the subject pronouns *je, tu, il, elle* and *on* and write a quiz on verb conjugation
- Learn and apply the rap explaining how to contract French words ending in "e" when followed by a word starting with a vowel

Physical Education: Students will prepare for the upcoming track and field meet by learning techniques in the selected events. They will have an opportunity to try the events in class and then choose which ones they want to compete in. Events include:

- Ball throw
- Broad jump
- Long jump
- Triple jump
- 60, 100, 200, and 400 metre races

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

Upcoming Events

May 1 – Christian School Expo – Gym
May 4th – Shape Conference – Main Sanctuary
May 5th – Pastors' Appreciation Breakfast – Fellowship Hall
May 11th – InSchoolwear 50% Off Sale at Innova
May 12th – Pizza Lunch & AMICA Visit
May 22nd – Victoria Day – No School
May 25th – Pizza Lunch & Spring Concert
May 30th & June 1st – Track and Field – Gr. 7-8 & 3-6 – Centennial Stadium

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