

June 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 their study of J.R.R. Tolkien's *The Hobbit*. Students will:

- Explore literary device, plot development, vocabulary, characterization, and themes
- Discuss lessons learned and Biblical application
- Complete a five-paragraph literary essay based on one of three topics
- Perform a scene from *The Hobbit* for Market Day

**Grammar and Spelling:** For the month of June, students will review both spelling and grammar concepts taught this year. Students will:

- review and practise all spelling rules
- analyze and diagram sentences

**Christian Education:** Students will complete their study of *Cold-Case Christianity* this month, and then focus on a survey of the Old Testament discussing:

- The theme of the Old Testament
- Its relevance
- God's redemptive plan

**History/Geography:** Students will complete this year's history study concentrating on the following key events of the 18<sup>th</sup> century:

- The Seven-Year War
- The fall of New France to the British
- The American War of Independence
- The French Revolution

**Mathematics:** This month, students will study:

- mean, median, and mode
- end of year review all units focusing on the important foundational skills in each unit.

**Science:** In science class, students will explore things that move. They will investigate:

- Gears and gear ratio
- Energy required to move vehicles
- Building machines

**Latin 3:** Students will learn the second conjugation of verbs. They will also continue to build their Latin vocabulary words, which are put to chant to assist with memorization and pronunciation. Students will also find English derivatives of all vocabulary words.

## 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.

Topics include:

- Second conjugation of verbs
- First declension masculine exceptions
- Sentence patterns A and B

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

- Learn and apply the rap explaining how to contract French words ending in “e” when followed by a word starting with a vowel
- Complete listening and reading comprehension quizzes based on short videos watched in class
- Describe the plot of one of these videos in writing, while applying all spelling and grammar conventions learned thus far

**Visual Arts:** Students will explore the art of composition and create items to sell for Market Day. Topics include:

- Exploring the composition of paintings
- How artists include principles and elements of design in their paintings
- Creating a composition sketch
- Market Day creations

**Music:** In June, students will have an opportunity to interact with historical and theoretical areas of music. Topics include:

- Critical listening of classical works of music
- Music history
- Composition and melody writing
- Tonic and dominant
- Sight singing solfege

**Physical Education:** To end this year, students will have the opportunity to experience the game of golf. They will learn the following skills:

- Stance (putting versus chipping versus driving)
- Grip (putting versus chipping versus driving)
- Swings (putting versus chipping versus driving)

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

## Upcoming Events

- June 1 – Track and Field – Grade 7/8 - Centennial Stadium
- June 2 – Pasta Lunch
- June 7 – Graduation Event – Gr. 7/8
- June 9 – Pizza Lunch
- June 12 – Science Centre Field Trip
- June 17 – Innova Family Picnic – Bradford, West Gwillimbury
- June 19 – Market Day & Pizza Lunch
- June 20 – Last Day of School – Lunch Dismissal & Reports Sent Home
- June 21-23 – PA Days for Staff - ACCS Conference

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