

November 2017

The Month Ahead

At Innova

Grade 6

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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

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Christian Education: By the end of November, students will have memorized the first chapter of Philippians. Continuing with the study of Jesus' ministry, students will examine the following:

- His healings, and what they represent
- The cost of following Him
- His triumphal entry

Literature and Writing: This month, students will become familiar with two classic writers: Sir Arthur Conan Doyle and Miguel Cervantes. Students will study two Sherlock Holmes mysteries and then read an abridged version of *Don Quixote*. Students will:

- Demonstrate comprehension of the text
- Learn vocabulary drawn from the text
- Explore facts, inferences, and deductions, and engage in deductive reasoning
- Describe a character using evidence from the text
- Compare Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson and write a character sketch
- Retell a story from various perspectives
- Practice using a variety of sentence openers
- Replace vague words with precise words

Spelling: Using the *Spell to Write and Read* program, students will develop spelling skills through word analysis and understanding and applying spelling rules to daily writing across the curriculum. This month, students will:

- Analyze and learn weekly spelling words from the class list and student writing
- Learn and practice the "e-dropping" rule

Grammar: Grammar study develops students' awareness and understanding of how the English language is structured. As students work through the grammar program, they will apply their knowledge to writing in all subject areas. This month's Grammar study focuses on:

- Identifying and diagramming prepositional phrases
- Proper usage of commas

Latin and Greek Vocabulary: Through studying Latin and Greek vocabulary, students will develop the ability to analyze unfamiliar English words based on prefixes, suffixes, and roots. Students will:

- Learn Greek and Latin vocabulary, prefixes and suffixes: bonus, ous, helios, peri, apo, sol, astron, sisto, statum, luna, ambulo, inter
- Learn English derivatives and deconstruct English words
- Continue to learn the *Sanctus*

French: In French this month, students will learn new gestured vocabulary, answer questions about the play, and learn songs in French. Students will:

- Begin memorizing and practicing the play *Salut mon ami*
- Complete comprehension activities related to the play and review how to answer simple questions in French
- Practice vocabulary and gestures at home using the online portal
- Continue to memorize Philippians 4:6

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.

History/Geography: This year, students are delving into Canadian history from 1400 to 1800. This month, students will focus on:

- The work of the Jesuit missionaries, Rocollet priest, and Ursulin nuns and their relationships with the Indigenous Peoples
- The founding of Montreal
- The French in Acadia
- The seigneurial system

Mathematics: Students will begin this month by studying the principles governing ratios, by comparing them and finding their equivalents. They will then move on to rates and examine them in the following areas:

- What they are
- Comparing them to ratios
- Rates in the real world

Science: At the beginning of this month, students will complete their study of the nervous system. They will then focus on the classification system of life in the following areas:

- The reasons for classification
- History of the classification system
- The hierarchical system of classification

Visual Arts: Students will complete their landscape drawings in the style of Roy Henry Vickers. The Grade 6 students will examine prints from throughout Canadian history and learn about printmaking techniques.

Visual arts projects and topics for this month include:

- One-point perspective and landscape art
- Canadian prints with a focus on Inuit prints from Cape Dorset
- Designing a printmaking project of their own

Music: In music class, students will begin preparing both choral and ukulele repertoire for the Christmas concert in December. They will also memorize their key signatures, learn new terms, and be exposed to Baroque music and composers. Lessons will include:

- Key signatures: up to seven sharps/flats
- Terms: grave, moderato, prestissimo, vivace
- Christmas repertoire
- Ukulele
- Review chords and cadences
- Musical Time Periods: Baroque
- Composers: Handel, Bach, Vivaldi
- Listening: Bach Cantata, Handel's Messiah, Vivaldi Violin Concerto

Physical Education: This month, students will learn about and play the game of volleyball. They will focus on improving their overall performance in the following areas:

- Stance and form
- Bumping
- Setting
- Serving

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 & 17 – Pizza Lunch

November 8 – Westminster Classical Academy Teachers Visit Our Classes

November 10 – Remembrance Day Chapel – Families invited to attend

November 24 – Term 1 Reports Go Home

November 30 – Parent Teacher Interview Night

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