

December 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: This month, Grade 6 students will begin memorizing the second chapter of Philippians. As we continue to follow Jesus' ministry, students will learn and discuss the significance of His:

- Death
- Burial
- Resurrection

Literature and Writing: This month, students will enjoy and explore poetry by famous authors such as Robert Louis Stevenson, John Masefield, J.R.R. Tolkien, and Robert Frost. Students will:

- Interpret poetry and support interpretations with evidence from the text
- Discuss perspective and symbolism
- Distinguish figurative from literal language
- Identify action as conveyed through vivid verbs
- Define rhyming couplet
- Identify rhyme scheme
- Identify imagery, metaphor, simile, onomatopoeia, personification, and alliteration
- Write original poems using the literary techniques studied

Spelling: Using the Spell to Write and Read program, students 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
- Review and apply all spelling rules learned to date

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

- Prepositional phrases used as adjectives and adverbs
- Diagramming sentences with prepositional phrases
- Transitive active verbs and direct objects
- Diagramming sentences with direct objects

Latin and Greek Vocabulary: Through the study of Latin and Greek prefixes, suffixes, and vocabulary, students enrich their English vocabulary. Students will:

- Learn Greek and Latin vocabulary, prefixes and suffixes: dia, bole, desmos, gnosis, gony, trans, porto, ago, scribo, fero, latum, formo, planta, pareo
- Learn English derivatives and deconstruct English words

French: In French this month, students will continue to learn new gestured vocabulary and will be introduced to important grammar concepts. Students will:

- Memorize 1 John 3:1
- Continue rehearsing, memorizing and acting out the play Salut mon ami!
- Work towards answering questions in complete sentences

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.

- Continue to practice gestures and vocabulary at home using the online portal and vocabulary cards
- Work towards speaking exclusively in French with fewer teacher prompts

History/Geography: This year, history study focuses on Canadian history from 1400 to 1800. This month, students will focus on:

- Geography: the states of the eastern United States
- Map reading using latitude and longitude, coordinates, and degrees
- The fur trade
- The story of Radisson and Groseillier

Mathematics: Grade 6 students will begin this month studying percentages by converting them from fractions to decimals and from decimals to fractions. They will then focus on:

- Understanding percentage
- Percent of a quantity
- Real world problems with percent

Science: Grade 6 students will complete their study of matter. Specific topics include:

- Atoms and their composition
- States of matter
- Describing matter
- The periodic table of elements

Visual Arts: Students will complete their illustrations of the legends they have written and continue their examination of Canadian art history. Students will learn about printmaking techniques and investigate the use of those techniques in Canadian art. Visual arts topics and projects for this month include:

- Completing their landscape drawings to illustrate their legends
- Canadian printmaking
- Inuit prints of Cape Dorset

Music: Innova students are very busy preparing for their Christmas concerts. Over the next few weeks, music classes will mostly consist of rehearsals for these concerts. However, lessons will also include:

- Review of terms
- Subdividing rhythms
- Classical period listening and composer review

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

- Rules
- Dribbling
- Passing
- Shooting
- Stance

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

Upcoming Events

December 1 & 15 – Pizza Lunch

December 7 – Black Creek Pioneer Village Field Trip – All Grades

December 8 - Exordium

December 15 – Parent Morning – At the Fischers'

December 19 – AMICA Christmas Performance

December 21 – Innova Christmas Concert – Main Sanctuary

December 22 – Skating – Riverwalk Commons; noon dismissal at Riverwalk Commons

December 30 – Winter Social - NTR

December 25–January 5 – Christmas Break; classes resume January 8

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