

June 2018

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 three children.



Adam Ogborne
Teacher

Grade 5 and
Grade 6

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Christian Education: For this month, students will memorize the fourth chapter of Philippians. Students will also study and discuss:

- The importance of studying God's Word
- How to study God's Word
- Our identity in Christ

Literature and Writing: Students are studying *The Bronze Bow*, a novel set during the time of Jesus about a young Jewish boy who hates the Romans and joins a band of rebels in hopes of overthrowing Rome. Throughout his journeys, he encounters Jesus and learns about forgiveness. This month, students will:

- Read from chapters 16 to the end of the book
- Complete chapter questions and reflections
- Learn vocabulary words from the book
- Engage in class discussion
- Complete a culminating project, review, and test

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 individual student's writing
- Use spelling words in well-constructed sentences

Grammar: Grammar study develops students' awareness and 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 focuses on identifying types of:

- Adjectives
- Nouns
- Verbs
- Troublesome words

Latin and Greek Vocabulary: Students will strengthen their vocabulary through the study of Latin and Greek. Students develop the ability to analyze unfamiliar English words based on Latin and Greek prefixes, suffixes, and roots. Students will:

- Learn Greek and Latin vocabulary, prefixes and suffixes: techne, logos, archi and ars/artis, facio, factum, artiller
- Learn English derivatives and deconstruct English words

French: This month in French, students will focus on writing as well as important grammar concepts. Students will:

- Review grammar concepts learned this year
- Write a story in French

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.

- Learn new vocabulary about sports and physical descriptions
- Continue to memorize Hebrews 4:16

History/Geography: This year, students have studied Canadian history from 1400 to 1800. This month, students will focus on some of the early explorers and geographers of Canada including Henday, Cook, Vancouver, Mackenzie, and Thompson. Students will:

- Learn about the region explored and major accomplishments of each explorer
- Complete a project on an explorer
- Complete a review and test

Mathematics: Students will study the representation of data in graphic form as well as statistics. Graphing and interpreting any given set of data is an essential skill in our world. They will focus on the following:

- Mean, median, mode, and range
- Selecting the appropriate type of graph
- Representing data

Science: This month, students will study weather systems and climate. They will study the following:

- The water cycle
- Climate
- The atmosphere

Visual Arts: This month in visual arts, students will paint a Canadian landscape in the style of Lawren Harris. The Grade 6 class has been learning about glorifying God with their artwork over the past few months. They will continue discussing this concept as they plan and paint an image of God's creation. Students will:

- Paint a Canadian landscape
- Paint using analogous colour schemes
- Continue to examine the style of Lawren Harris and the Group of Seven

Music: During the month of June, Grade 6 students will review musical concepts learned throughout the year. Topics include:

- Listening to music from around the world
- Composition and melody writing
- Theory review
- Continuing to expand ukulele repertoire

Physical Education: This month, students will learn to play ultimate. Ultimate is an engaging game utilizing skill and endurance. Students will be taught the following:

- Rules
- Throwing techniques
- Guarding
- Strategies

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 and 14 – Pizza Lunch

June 5-12 – Dominican Republic Mission Trip

June 8 – Battle of the Books (at Innova) AND Pasta Lunch

June 16 – Family Picnic – At the Makarenkos'

June 18 – Nobility Day

June 19 – Last Day of Class – Noon Dismissal – Term 3 Reports Go Home **AND**
Grade 8 Graduation

June 20-22 – PA Days - ACCS Conference for Administration

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