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The Month Ahead At Innova

Grade 1

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Grade 1 students are actively engaged in learning foundational knowledge and skills in all subject areas. Our classroom is filled with singing, chanting, movement, and engaging hands-on activities. We seek to provide a safe and nurturing classroom environment where students can deepen their awareness of God's love and relationship with Him and meet their potential for academic success.

Bible: In Bible study this month, our focus will be on the world God made. Areas of study include:

- The Bible – God's story
- Creation
- The Fall
- Cain and Abel
- Noah and the flood
- The tower of Babel

Literature: In Literature, we will be covering two novels: *Make Way for Ducklings*, and *Owl Moon*. Topics covered include:

- Asking and answering questions about key details in the text
- Describing characters, settings, and major events in the story
- Identifying books that tell stories and books that give information
- Identifying words or phrases that suggest feelings or appeal to the senses
- Identifying distinguishing features of a sentence
- Making predictions
- Writing and illustrating the beginning, middle, and end of the story

Spelling: This month, students will be covering sections A, B, and C of our SWR spelling program. Topics included this month are:

- Reciting the single letter phonograms
- Hearing, reading, and writing the multi letter phonograms
- Demonstrating understanding by writing sentences
- Writing words from dictation

Writing: In writing this month, students will review two poems: "The Clock" and "The Little Man Who Wasn't There." Areas of study include:

- Contractions
- Compound words
- Review of nouns, verbs, and adjectives
- Pronouns
- Capitalization rules
- A review of rhyming words
- Parts of speech

Latin: The grade 1 class will study various greetings and will practice them with one another. Latin topics covered include:

- Greeting words, the Latin alphabet
- Making friends: What is your name?, My name is..., How are you?

Grade 1 – The Grammar Stage

Innova Academy's grammar school curriculum builds a solid academic foundation, emphasizing mastery of facts and fundamental skills. Grammar stage students have the natural ability to retain large amounts of information, so Innova intentionally builds knowledge across the curriculum immersing students in a holistic, unified, and rich learning experience. Students are actively engaged in learning while applying skills they have previously acquired to new, expansive content. Classrooms are filled with singing, chanting, movement, and engaging hands-on activities. Strong habits of heart, mind, and soul are reinforced, as students become more aware of their impact on others and build skills in self-governance and responsibility.

History: In History, our focus is on Canada: A look at the Provinces. Areas of study include the following:

- Locating provinces on a map of Canada
- Ontario, Quebec, and Manitoba

Mathematics: This month in mathematics, students will focus on addition and subtraction facts to 10. Areas of study include:

- Review part/whole relationship
- Addition strategies
- Using number bonds
- Write and solve addition sentences
- Tell addition stories
- Solve real world problems

Science: Over the course of this month, students will engage in investigating the senses. Students will explore the following questions:

- What are your senses and how do you use them?
- How do you see and what happens when people can't see?
- How do you hear and what happens when people can't hear?
- How do you smell, taste, and feel?

Visual Arts: Over the course of this year, students will learn about the elements and principles of design. They will look at Canadian art as well as explore art making techniques using a variety of art forms including drawing, painting, printmaking, and sculpture. Areas of study include:

- Qualities of line found in making relief prints
- Shape and form including geometric and organic shapes in sculpture

Music: Music is perhaps the most widely used form of artistic expression in the world and it is such a joy to have the chance to teach the tools of musical expression to the grade 1 class this year! In music, the grade 1 class will cover more of the foundations of music such as:

- Musical opposites
- Music notation: staff, quarter note, half note, quarter rest
- Note names: treble clef A5-G5
- Orchestra: the conductor
- Opera

Physical Education: Our physical education unit for the month of October centers on movement awareness and fitness activities. Areas of focus include:

- Understanding how moving the body works to help develop stronger muscles
- Developing muscular fitness, flexibility, and coordination
- Cardiovascular fitness
- Drill and practice
- Warm up games

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

Upcoming Events

October 8 – Curriculum Night – Via Zoom
October 9 – PD Day – No school for students
October 12 – Thanksgiving Day – No School
October 30 – Walk Through History Day AND
October 30 – Interim Reports Go Home

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