

April 2021

The Month Ahead

At Innova

Grade 2

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When Samantha was introduced to Classical Christian Education, she immediately recognized the value in its methodology and curriculum. Samantha has predominantly taught in the primary division and this year teaches the grade 2 class at Innova Academy. Samantha attended Tyndale College and University and graduated with a Bachelor of Education. Her goal was to teach in a Bible believing Christian School and she is excited to be teaching at Innova Academy. Samantha has been married to her husband, Andre, for over 20 years and they have three children. In her spare time, she is involved in her church choir and worship team and volunteers in the nursery. Her favourite Bible verses are Colossians 1:15-17.



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Grade 2 students are actively engaged in building 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, as well as meet their potential for academic success.

Bible This month, the grade 2 students will explore who Jesus really is. Jesus gave His disciples a model prayer and this prayer summarized several of His teachings about the kingdom of God. Topics include:

- What is prayer?
- Our Father in Heaven
- Our daily bread
- Forgive and deliver us
- Praise to God

History: The grade 2s will explore Canada by studying the political and physical maps, symbols of Canada, government, freedoms, outstanding Canadians, and early explorers. This month, students will focus on the following explorers:

- Samuel de Champlain
- Jacques Cartier

Writing, Grammar, and Phonics: This year the grade 2s will explore various classical poems and pieces of literature as models to develop their writing, grammar, vocabulary, and phonics skills.

- Literature and poem selections include "The Snowbird", "The Secret", "The Robin's Nest", and "The Lucky Dog"
- Grammar topics include review of -ly adverbs, strong verbs, quality adjectives, who-which clauses, and how to check and revise a paragraph using a check list
- Writing exercises focus on the topic/clinger rule, marking interesting details in a source text (up 6 points), creating an outline, retelling a paragraph from the outline, composing a rough draft, editing, and writing the final copy

Literature and Reading Fluency: Students will continue to build and refine their oral reading fluency as they continue to explore the novel *A Bear Called Paddington* by Michael Bond. Topics include:

- Identifying the main and supporting characters
- Making predictions
- Defining, memorizing, and using new vocabulary from the story
- Story sequencing
- Demonstrating comprehension skills through classroom discussion and activities

Spelling: This month, students will use a variety of word and clapping games as they learn to apply spelling rules to list words. Spelling will focus on:

- Word analysis
- Writing original sentences
- A, E, O, U, silent final e, and e dropping rules
- ti, ci, si spellings of /sh/
- Abbreviations
- Z never s rules at the beginning of a word

Grade 2 – 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.

Latin: Students will strengthen their vocabulary skills through the study of Latin. This month, the grade 2 students will review previously learned vocabulary and continue to practice words related to:

- The seasons
- The sky

Mathematics: Grade 2 students begin each mathematics period practicing math facts with the CalcuLadder math drill program. Students progress through this program on an individual basis. In April, students will explore money and fractions. Specifically, students will practice the following skills:

- Comparing amounts of money
- Fractions
 - Understanding and comparing fractions
 - Adding and subtracting like fractions

Science: Science is observing and describing God's creation. God's attributes, power, and divine nature can be clearly seen in what has been made (Romans 1:20). This year, students will have the joy of studying physics. Students engage in hands on activities and experiments as they discover the wonders of God's creation. In April, the grade 2 class will continue to study physics learning about magnetism. Topics include:

- Repelling vs. attracting
- South pole vs. north pole
- Magnetic and non-magnetic materials

Visual Arts: In April, students will use their understanding of geometric and organic shapes to create different forms. They will:

- Identify symmetrical and asymmetrical shapes
- Use lines of symmetry to make balanced shapes
- Make collages with various shapes to create characters and scenes

Music: As we enter the final months of the school year, the grade 2 class will begin preparing repertoire for the spring concert. They will create a musical composition, learn folk dances, and develop their ensemble playing. Specific skills include:

- Time signatures
- Playing and listening as an ensemble
- Writing music
- Identifying instruments of the orchestra
- Folk dance

Physical Education: During physical education classes, students develop agility, flexibility, endurance, and gross motor skills as well as practice good sportsmanship. This month, activities include:

- Kickball
- Running bases
- Catching and throwing
- Introduction to softball

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

Upcoming Events

- April 1 – High School Parent Teacher Interviews
- April 2 – Good Friday – No school
- April 5-16 – Spring Break – No school
- April 7 – Blakey Art Competition Deadline – Gr. 9-11
- April 19 – Students Return to School from Spring Break
- April 19 – Apologetic Series for Parents
- April 28 – CLT10 (Classic Learning Test) – Gr. 9/10

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