

March 2019

The Month Ahead At Innova

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Being homeschooled using classical Christian education as the foundation of her studies, Johanna saw first-hand the benefits of classical Christian education and the positive impact it has made on her life.

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Grade 2

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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.

Christian Education: During the month of March, students will study the topic of prayer. They will also finish memorizing Psalm 139:1-10. Throughout the month, students will explore the following topics:

- What is prayer?
- Our Father in heaven
- Our daily bread
- Forgiveness and deliverance

Reading Fluency, Literature, and Vocabulary: Grade 2 students will build and refine oral reading fluency, comprehension, and expand their vocabularies. During the month of March, students will complete their novel study on *A Bear Called Paddington* and will begin reading several poems by authors such as Shel Silverstein and Robert Louis Stevenson. Students will also learn to identify and use figures of speech such as alliteration, simile, and metaphor. Students will:

- Practice writing their own short poems
- Work on memorizing one of the poems learned in class
- Examine art that connects to imagery from poems studied
- Illustrate an original poem

Spelling and Penmanship: Spelling and penmanship will be learned together using *Spell to Write and Read* and *Cursive First*. Students will continue to practice reading and writing phonograms each day. They will also continue to learn and apply spelling rules. Students will:

- Learn 20 new words each week
- Write interesting sentences containing weekly words
- Review phonograms and spelling rules
- Continue to develop cursive writing skills

Grammar: In grammar this month, students will complete their unit on adjectives, applying their understanding toward their writing projects. Specific lessons will include:

- *A, an, and the; this and that; these and those*
- Distinguishing between adjective and adverb
- Using adjectives in poems

Writing: This month in writing, students will finish the stories they have been writing in class before they begin writing their first book reports during the month of March. Specific lessons will include:

- Opinions in book reports
- How to organize a book report
- Prewriting, drafting, revising, and editing
- Presentation skills

Latin: In Latin this month, Grade 2 students will review the following types of vocabulary words:

- Household items
- Manners

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.

History: This year, students are studying Canada, focusing on Canada's geography, symbols, early settlers, and communities. This month, students will learn about the first Europeans in Upper Canada. They will study:

- Europeans explorers
- Ways that Aboriginal people helped the Europeans
- The fur trade
- Changes to Upper Canada

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. This month, students will learn about:

- Canadian currency
- Fractions
- Time

Science: In March, students will continue to investigate changes during science class by examining the many changes that take place in our world. Students will focus on the four seasons this month, and investigate the following questions:

- What changes happen in the fall?
- What changes happen in the winter?
- What changes happen in the spring?
- What changes happen in the summer?

Visual Arts: In art class, students will create a pinch pot inspired by Wendat pottery. Areas of study include:

- 3-dimensional sculpture
- colour
- texture

Music: This month, the Grade 2 class will continue to refine their technique on the Orff instruments as well as continue to learn more about reading and writing on the musical staff. Topics include:

- Syncopated rhythmic notation
- Understanding phrases
- Vivaldi's "The Four Seasons"
- Composition on the musical staff
- Spring concert repertoire

Physical Education: During physical education time, students will have opportunities to develop spatial awareness, balance, and coordination using their bodies and a variety of equipment. Throughout the year, students are led to develop good sportsmanship while playing games with their classmates. This month's topics include:

- Manipulative activities with different equipment
- Using the hoops and frisbees
- Tossing to a target

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

Upcoming Events

March 4 – Science Centre (JK-4) – Toronto

March 5 – Prayer Meeting in Room A at 8:30 a.m. – Parents Welcome AND Lunch Lady Lunch

March 8 – Pizza Lunch

March 11-22 – March Break – No School

March 26 – Lunch Lady Lunch

March 29 – Pizza Lunch

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