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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 April, students will memorize Mathew 28:5-10 as they focus on preparing for Easter. Throughout the month, students will explore the following topics:

- Jesus as a servant
- The Last Supper
- Jesus comforting His disciples
- The betrayal, arrest, and trial of Jesus
- Peter's denial
- The crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus
- The Emmaus appearance
- Jesus and the miraculous catch of fish
- The Ascension

Reading Fluency, Literature, and Vocabulary: Grade 2 students will build and refine oral reading fluency, comprehension, and expand their vocabularies. During the month of April, students 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 and write interesting sentences containing their weekly words
- Review phonograms and spelling rules
- Continue to develop cursive writing skills

Grammar: In grammar this month, Grade 2 students will complete a unit on word study. This will help students expand their speech and grammar skills. Specific lessons will include:

- Synonyms and antonyms
- Context clues
- Prefixes, suffixes, and roots
- homophones

Writing: This month in writing, students will continue to work on their book reports with a focus on:

- 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:

- Classroom items
- Household Items

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 how the population of Upper Canada grew. They will learn about the Loyalists and immigrants that came from Britain. Students will study:

- Who the Loyalists were and how they acquired land
- The first governor of Upper Canada
- Why immigrants came from Britain
- Changes for the Aboriginal people
- Aboriginal reservations

Mathematics: Grade 2 students begin each mathematics period practicing math facts with the CalculLadder math drill program. Students progress through this program on an individual basis. This month, students will learn about:

- Fractions
- Time
- Multiplication tables of 3 and 4

Science: In April, students will investigate materials and objects. Students will explore the following questions:

- What are materials and objects like?
- How can we use numbers in observations?
- What are the properties of different materials?
- How can a material's use and properties be changed through mixing with water, manipulation, and heating or cooling?

Visual Arts: Projects this month focus on the Wendat people and pioneer quilts. Students will:

- Draw a Wendat longhouse using pen and ink techniques
- Design a quilt square which will then be assembled to make a large group quilt

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, prepare a choral piece, and develop their ensemble playing. Specific skills include:

- Understanding and identifying time signatures
- Playing and listening as an ensemble
- Writing music
- Identifying instruments of the orchestra
- Playing Orff instruments

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:

- Jumping and landing
- Take off combinations
- Jump shapes and directions
- Travelling over and around
- Cooperative games
- Stretching and warm up routines

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

Upcoming Events

April 2, 16 – Prayer Meeting in Room A at 8:30 a.m. – Parents Welcome
April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 – Lunch Lady Lunch
April 5 – Lunch Lady Lunch Event
April 8 – Gr. 7 Immunization Clinic AND House Spelling Bee Competition
April 9 – Exordium – Parents Welcome
April 12, 26 – Pizza Lunch
April 15 – House Spelling Bee Competition
April 18 – Women's Event and Open House
April 19 & 22 – Good Friday & Easter Monday – No School
April 29 – ACSI Badminton Tournament (Gr. 7/8) – Stouffville
April 30 – Shaw Festival – Gr. 2-6, 9

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