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The Month Ahead At Innova

Grade 2

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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.

Johanna has worked with various schools in York Region and private choral companies. When she's not teaching, Johanna is actively involved in her local church's worship team, singing with various arts organizations in the city, or reading a good book.



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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 May, students will continue to memorize Matthew 28:5-9. They will then begin memorizing Psalm 136:1-9. Throughout the month, students will study the beginning of the early church by focusing on the following topics:

- Pentecost
- The Apostles
- Ananias and Sapphira
- Stoning of Stephen
- Philip and the Ethiopian
- Saul's conversion
- Peter and the Gentiles
- Peter's escape from prison

Reading Fluency, Literature, and Vocabulary: Grade 2 students will build and refine oral reading fluency, comprehension, and expand their vocabularies. During the month of May, students will

- Finish a poetry unit
- Begin a novel study on *The Boxcar Children* by Gertrude Chandler Warner
- Identify the moral or lesson of the story
- Define, memorize, and use new vocabulary from the story
- Demonstrate comprehension of the text and participate in discussion about plot development and characters
- Make predictions

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 and learn and apply spelling rules. Students will learn 20 new words each week and write well-structured sentences using these words. Students will:

- Continue to practice the 70 phonograms using flash cards and games to help with retention
- Learn to write more complex sentences

Grammar: In grammar this month, Grade 2 students will complete a unit on word study and begin a unit on study skills. Specific lessons will include:

- Synonyms and antonyms
- Context clues
- Prefixes, suffixes, and roots
- Homophones
- Developing dictionary skills

Writing: This month in writing, Grade 2 students will complete their book reports and begin to write non-fiction reports. This unit will include lessons on the following:

- What is a research report?
- The differences between fact and opinion
- Finding facts
- Writing and revising a non-fiction report

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

- Family members
- People

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 what daily life was like for the early settlers of Upper Canada. They will study:

- Farm buildings and farm equipment
- Daily chores
- Transportation in Upper Canada
- How to preserve food
- Seasonal jobs
- The growth of villages

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 the 3 and 4 multiplication tables
- Review the 2, 3, and 10 multiplication tables
- Learn how to use bar models for multiplication and division

Science: In May, students will continue to investigate materials and objects. Students will then move on to investigating things that make sound. Specifically, students will explore the following questions:

- How can a material's use and properties be changed through manipulating them?
- How can a material's use and properties be changed through heating or cooling?
- How is technology useful?
- How do different sound systems make sounds?
- How can I make a sound system?
- How do sounds change?
- How can tools make a sound system?

Visual Arts: Students will paint a landscape sunset inspired by Tom Thomson. Students will also create a pinch pot inspired by Wendat pottery and paint their pottery with ceramic glazes. Areas of study include:

- Painting and colour mixing
- 3-dimensional sculpture
- Form and texture

Music: Grade 2 students are busy preparing for the spring concert. As they prepare repertoire, they will continue to develop musical skills in the following areas:

- Singing in tune with good tone quality
- Rhythmic awareness
- Ensemble playing on the Orff instruments
- Following the conductor

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:

- Travelling over and around
- Rhythm and movement
- Body shapes and directions
- Poetry and dance
- Travelling and counting

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

Upcoming Events

May 2 – Math Olympics – Mississauga Christian Academy
May 3 – Exordium – Parents Welcome
May 7 – Prayer Meeting in Room A at 8:30 a.m. – Parents Welcome
May 7, 14, 21, 28 – Lunch Lady Lunch
May 10 – Parent Morning AND Pizza Lunch
May 20 – Victoria Day – No School
May 21 – Battle of the Books (Gr. 4-8) – Innova
May 24 – Pizza Lunch
May 28 – Track and Field (Gr. 7/8) – Centennial Stadium
May 29-31 – Camping Trip (Gr. 9)
May 30 – Track and Field (Gr. 4-6) – Centennial Stadium AND Grad Night (Gr. 7/8)

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