

June 2019

# 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 June, students will continue to memorize Psalm 136:1-9. Throughout the month, students will explore Paul's missionary journeys by focusing on the following topics:

- Paul and Barnabas are sent on a journey
- Lystra and Derbe
- Timothy, Paul, and Silas
- Paul's vision of the man of Macedonia
- Paul and Silas in jail

**Reading Fluency, Literature, and Vocabulary:** Grade 2 students will build and refine oral reading fluency, comprehension, and expand their vocabularies. During the month of June, students will finish their novel study *The Boxcar Children*. Specific lessons will include:

- Reading comprehension
- Character maps
- Morals within a story
- Writing journal entries to respond to questions related to their reading

**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:

- Work on spelling 20 list words each week
- Develop vocabulary by writing creative sentences using spelling words
- Review phonograms
- Practice cursive writing through various exercises

**Grammar:** For the month of June, Grade 2 students will continue to learn about and apply various study skills. Specific lessons will include:

- Arranging words in alphabetical order
- Developing dictionary skills
- Identifying the parts of a book
- Distinguishing between fiction and non-fiction
- Using the internet

**Writing:** This month in writing, students will learn to write an informational composition. Specific lessons will include:

- Stating and organizing a topic
- Writing the introduction
- Composing the body
- Writing the conclusions

**Latin:** This year, the Grade 2 students have learned over 100 Latin words! The Grade 2 class will spend the month of June reviewing by:

- Singing and enjoying Latin songs
- Playing review games

## 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 continue to learn about what daily life was like for the early settlers of Upper Canada. They will then learn how Upper Canada continued to change and became the country of Canada we live in and enjoy today. Students will study:

- The various jobs of tradespeople in villages
- The buildings that made up a village
- The fall fair
- Changes on the farm
- Changes in transportation
- Changes in jobs

**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. During the month of June, Grade 2 students will enjoy a new unit in mathematics which includes the following lessons:

- Picture graphs
- Lines and surfaces
- Shapes and patterns

**Science:** June is an exciting time in science class because students have the privilege of enjoying God's creation in the school! Students are anxiously awaiting the hatching of eggs in the kindergarten classroom. When the chicks hatch, the students will be taking them back to their home on the farm. This month students will study:

- The lifecycle of a chicken
- The development of a chick inside an egg
- The nutritional value of an egg

**Visual Arts:** Students will learn how to draw people in correct proportion and create a landscape scene in watercolour. Students will focus on:

- Composition
- Watercolour techniques

**Music:** In music class, June is primarily a review month. Students will cover all the areas of music learned throughout the year in the form of games and musical activities. They will also explore music history and critical listening. Topics include:

- Solfege singing
- Rhythm syllables and notation
- Peter and the Wolf by Sergei Prokofiev

**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:

- Rhythm and movement
- Travelling and counting
- Keeping the beat
- Creative dances

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

## Upcoming Events

- June 3 – AMICA Presentation (JK-2)
- June 4 – Prayer Meeting in Room A at 8:30 a.m. – Parents Welcome AND Lunch Lady Lunch
- June 6 – Spring Concert/Musical & Art Show – 6:30-8:30 p.m.
- June 7 – Pizza Lunch
- June 10 – Green Acres Field Trip (JK-2)
- June 11 – Lunch Lady Lunch
- June 15 – End of Year Picnic at the Makarenkos' – 12-2:00 p.m.
- June 18 - Last Day of Classes (noon dismissal) Reports Sent Home AND Grade 8 Graduation

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