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# 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 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, we will re-explore the Old Testament and discuss how God's mighty acts are illustrated in the story of His people from creation through King Solomon. Topics include:

- The Bible
- Creation
- The Fall: the need for a Savior
- Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and Joseph
- The Exodus
- The Judges
- The "King"
- Sin and exile
- Awaiting the Messiah
- Memory Verse: Psalm 105:1-6

**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 Ant and the Grasshopper*, *The City Mouse*, *The Fox and the Stork*, *The Fox and the Cheese*, *Hold Fast Your Dreams*, *The Warm Heart*, *Beauty*, *The Dust of Snow*
- Grammar topics include exclamation marks, adverbs, adjectives, coordinating conjunctions, reflexive pronouns
- Writing exercises focus on copy work and learning to complete a story outline with attention to formatting, punctuation, and spelling

**Literature and Reading Fluency:** Students will build and refine their oral reading fluency as we finish our novel study of *Stone Fox* by John Reynold Gardiner. Topics include:

- Identifying the main characters
- Defining, memorizing, and using new vocabulary from the story
- Extending reading by learning about the story's historical context and researching more about the setting and time period.

**Spelling:** This month, spelling will focus on:

- Reviewing previous spelling lists
- Reviewing and practicing spelling rules
- Reviewing and identifying phonograms
- Word analysis

**Latin:** Students will strengthen their vocabulary skills through the study of Latin. This month the grade 2 students will focus on:

- parts of the body
- parts of the face

## 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:** The grade 2s will explore Canada by studying the political and physical maps, symbols of Canada, government, freedoms, and outstanding Canadians. Topics this month are:

- The political map of Canada, Canada's territories, and provinces
- The physical map of Canada - the Appalachians

**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. Students will conclude a chapter on addition up to 1000 with and without regrouping, and then learn to subtract numbers up to 1000. Specifically, students will practice the following:

- Addition without and with regrouping in tens and ones
- Subtraction without regrouping and with regrouping in hundreds, tens, and ones
- Subtraction across 0's

**Science:** In October, the grade 2s will continue with the unit about the solar system. This month, they will focus on:

- The moon as its phases
- Comets
- Meteors
- Asteroids

**Visual Arts:** Over the course of this year, students will learn about the elements and principles of design. They will learn about Canadian artists and their art as well as explore art making techniques using a variety of art forms including drawing, painting, printmaking, and sculpture. This month, students will learn about printmaking and start a sculpture unit. Areas of study include:

- Qualities of line found in making relief prints
- Shape and form including geometric and organic shapes in sculpture

**Music:** In music, the grade 2 class will cover more of the foundations of music such as:

- Musical opposites
- Music notation: staff, quarter note, half note, quarter rest
- Note names: treble clef A5-G5
- Orchestra: the conductor
- Opera

**Physical Education:** During physical education classes, students will develop agility, flexibility, endurance, and gross motor skills. This month, students will continue to develop ball-handling skills. Topics include:

- Space awareness and locomotion including awareness of boundaries of a play area (in and out of bounds) and travelling in various pathways
- Supporting, balancing, and creating shapes with our bodies
- Balancing on one foot, freezing in a position, movement to develop flexibility, and discovering how playing active games can help one stay healthy

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

## Upcoming Events

October 8 – Curriculum Night – Via Zoom  
October 9 – PD Day – No school for students  
October 12 – Thanksgiving Day – No School  
October 30 – Walk Through History Day AND  
October 30 – Interim Reports Go Home

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