

November 2020

# 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 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.*

**Bible:** This month, students will explore the time between the testaments known as the "silent years". This will provide a backdrop to the time when Jesus was born. Students will understand how important these years were in God's preparation for the coming Messiah. Topics include:

- The promised Saviour
- The beginning of Greek rule
- Greek and Roman impact
- Pharisees and Sadducees
- Essenes and Zealots
- Geography
- Memory verse: Malachi 3:1 ESV

**History and Geography:** Grade 2 students explore Canadian history and geography, including the map of Canada, symbols of Canada, the pioneers, and famous Canadians. Our focus this month is on our second unit: Physical Map of Canada, including:

- The Appalachians
- The Lowlands
- The Canadian Shield
- The Arctic
- The Plains
- The Mountains

**Writing, Grammar, and Phonics:** This year, the grade 2s will explore various classical poems and literature as models to develop their writing, grammar, vocabulary, and phonics skills.

- Literature and poem selections include *Fuzzy Wuzzy*, *How Doth the Little Crocodile*, *The Caterpillar*, *The Donkey's Choice*, *The Crow and the Peacocks*, *I Can Be a Tiger*, and *Some One*.
- Grammar topics include rhymes, alliteration, prepositions, parts of speech, -ly adverbs, pronouns, review of adjectives and adverbs, and parts of speech
- 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 they continue with their novel study of *The Sword in the Tree* by Clyde Robert Bulla. 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, students will use a variety of word and clapping games as they learn to apply spelling rules to list words. Spelling will focus on:

- Word analysis
- Writing original sentences
- Dropping E rule
- I and O spelling rule
- Abbreviations rule

## 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.

- Plurals
- -CK rule
- -Z rule

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

- Parts of the face
- Words for food

**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 conclude a chapter on subtraction up to 1000 with and without regrouping, learn to use bar models as a tool to solve addition and subtraction problems, then begin the units on multiplication and division. Specifically, students will practice the following:

- Subtraction across 0's
- Solving addition and subtraction problems using bar models as a tool
- Learn how to multiply using repeating equal groups
- Learn how to divide by sharing equally

**Science:** In November, the grade 2s will begin exploring physics. This month, students will focus on:

- Newton's laws of motion
- Light

**Visual Arts:** This month students, will design Remembrance Day posters and begin a drawing unit. Areas of study include:

- Poster design: the theme of Remembrance Day
- The message through images - Canadian Symbols and words
- Drawing basics focusing on the following elements of design: line, shape, space, colour, value, and texture.

**Music:** In music class, the grade two students will build on their knowledge of Orff technique. They will also review music notation, form, and conducting, and begin preparing for Christmas. Lessons will include:

- Mallet technique
- Simple borduns on Orff instruments
- Vocal ostinatos
- Christmas repertoire
- Music notation: review rhythm and C4-G5
- Genre: Ballet - The Nutcracker

**Physical Education:** During physical education classes, students will develop agility, flexibility, endurance, and gross motor skills. This month's topics include:

- Hoop play and bean bags
- Ball play – rolling, bouncing, tossing, and catching

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

## Upcoming Events

- November 2 – Picture Day Retakes – Both campuses
- November 5 – Interim Parent/Teacher Check-in via Zoom
- November 6 – Biblical Parenting Book Study via Zoom
- November 11 – Remembrance Day Chapel
- November 13 – High School Semester 1 Midterms Go Home
- November 20 – Biblical Parenting Book Study via Zoom

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