

December 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 begin to explore the New Testament and discover how Jesus' birth fulfilled the Old Testament prophecies. He was the king of God's promise who would sit on David's throne forever. Topics include:

- The events surrounding Jesus' birth
- Escape to Egypt
- Jesus' baptism
- The disciples

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

- Government of Canada
- Voting
- Taxes and the taxpayer
- Ottawa - the capital of our nation

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

- Literature and poem selections include: *After the Party*, *The Dog and His Shadow*, *The Eagle*, *The Eagle and the Jackdaw*, *The Yak*, and *How Man and Fire Became Friends*
- Grammar topics include homophones, use of quotations with conversations, rhymes, parts of speech, *-ly* adverbs, pronouns, and review of adjectives and adverbs
- Writing exercises this month will focus on:
 - Learning to pull specific information from a story and place that information into paragraphs which become summaries
 - Identifying the story sequence in a narrative story, creating outlines, summarizing stories from the outlines, and knowing that each paragraph has a purpose

Literature and Reading Fluency: Students will build and refine their oral reading fluency as they finish their novel study of *The Sword in the Tree* by Clyde Robert Bulla and begin a new novel study of *The Boxcar Children* by Gertrude Chandler Warner. Topics include:

- Identifying the main and supporting characters
- Defining, memorizing, and using new vocabulary from the story
- Story sequencing

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.

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 and silent final E rules
- ED rules
- Contractions

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

- Words for food
- Christmas words

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 learning how to multiply by using repeating equal groups and divide by sharing equally. They will then begin a chapter on multiplication tables of 2, 5, and 10. Specifically, students will:

- Solve multiplication and division word problems
- Skip count by 2 and solve word problems

Science: In December, the grade 2s will begin exploring the characteristics and property of light. Through various experiments, students will focus on:

- Sources and properties of light
- Visible and invisible light
- Prisms
- Use of mirrors and reflection

Visual Arts: This month, students will celebrate Christmas by painting a nativity scene in watercolour and design Christmas cards. Students will:

- Study colour by creating a monochromatic painting
- Study value by adding black to a colour to create shading
- Learn how to draw the human figure

Music: In music class, grade 2 students will build on their knowledge of Orff technique. They will also review music notation, form, and conducting. Lessons will include:

- Mallet technique
- Simple borduns on Orff instruments
- Christmas repertoire
- Music notation: review rhythm and C4-G5

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

- Christmas games
- Leaping and jumping

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

Upcoming Events

December 4 – Biblical Parenting Book Study via Zoom
December 17 – Innova Online Christmas Concert – At 7:00 p.m.
December 18 – Classes Dismissed at Noon for Christmas Break
December 23 – January 1 – Christmas Break!

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