

December 2020

The Month Ahead At Innova

Mr. Namba holds a Master's Degree in Education, a Bachelor's Degree in History, an ACSI teaching certificate, and TESOL certification. He has worked overseas as a grammar stage teacher and Lower Grammar Stage Academic Director for the Seoul International Christian Academy. His love for classical education is rooted in its deep appreciation for history and its commitment to truth, beauty, and goodness. When Jason is not teaching, he can be found reading, playing board games, cooking, and spending time with his wife and two sons.



Mr. Jason Namba
Teaching Interim
Vice Principal

Grade 3 and
Grade 4

Kayleigh completed her Bachelor's Degree with specialties in Studio Art and Biology at the University of Guelph, and a Bachelors of Education at Brock University.

Kayleigh's classroom experience includes teaching Core French in Saskatchewan to grades 4 to 12. She most recently worked as a visual arts teacher for elementary students in a French Immersion school while living in Oakville.

Kayleigh serves in her church and loves reading, making art, photography, baking, and spending time with her husband and son.



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Grade 4 students are actively engaged in building foundational knowledge and skills in all subject areas. Our classroom is filled with reading, discussion, chants, 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: This month, students will continue their study of *Faerie Gold: Treasures from the Land of Enchantment*. Students will:

- Study the stories, *A Lost Paradise* and *A Christmas Star*
- Discover the 'gold' of these fairy tales by unlocking the virtuous treasures through discussion and activities
- Begin reading about the exodus of the Israelites from Egypt

Literature: Students will continue their study of *Detectives in Togas*, a thrilling mystery set in Ancient Rome. Literature class is conducted through the following activities:

- Vocabulary and comprehension work
- Narration
- Discussion

Writing: Students will expand their writing ability by imitating masterful compositions through our IEW program. This month, students will work on:

- Retelling a narrative work through multiple paragraphs
- Taking notes on a masterful narrative work
- Adding quality adjectives and strong verbs to their work

Spelling: Each month, students will practice memorizing phonograms as well as learn fifteen new words each week. Students will:

- Develop greater awareness of how the English language is structured
- Apply their skills to writing across the curriculum
- Learn unique spelling rules

Grammar: Students will learn the rules of English grammar and apply them in their writing. This month, students will study:

- Action verbs
- Present tense verbs

Latin: Students will practice new vocabulary through gestures and classroom activities. Vocabulary words will center around the following topics:

- Travel
- School
- Celebrations

Grade 4 – 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.

French: Students will learn about articles and how they are used in the French language. Students will:

- Continue to practice saying the play *Le Chat et la Lune*
- Begin answering questions about the play in writing
- Learn to use the articles un, une, le, and la

History: Students will be introduced to Alexander the Great. Specifically, students will learn about:

- Phillip and His Son
- Alexander's Invasions
- The Death of Alexander the Great

Mathematics: Students will continue their study of graphs and tables. Topics include:

- How to use a graph
- How to use a table
- How to create tables and graphs from data
- How to read and use stem and leaf plots

Science: Students will complete their exploration of the microscopic world and begin to learn about the animals in God's creation. Students will:

- Examine sections of plants under a microscope
- Learn about the classification of animals
- Examine animal cells

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

Music: In music, the grade 4 class will review music notation with solfege and with note names. They will learn more musical terms, instruments, and listen to famous classical music. Lessons include:

- Treble clef staff: directional reading with solfege or note names
- Rhythmic notation
- Musical terms
- Percussion
- Composers

Physical Education: Students will begin learning the skills and strategies used in the game of basketball. Students will:

- Learn about the game of basketball
- Practice dribbling and passing the ball
- Study defense strategies

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.