

February 2021

# 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 continue to explore the New Testament and discover how Jesus' birth fulfilled the Old Testament prophecies. Jesus is the king of God's promise who will sit on David's throne forever. Students will also continue to read through *Grandpa's Box* by Starr Meade. Students will:

- Complete a study of the Sermon on the Mount and Jesus sending out His disciples
- Explore good and evil kings from the Old Testament
- Study God's plan of redemption told throughout the entire Bible
- Discuss how God is working in every situation

**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:

- Freedom of religion, speech, and travel
- The Canadian Armed Forces

**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 *Ingenious Little Old Man*, *The Fox and the Goat*, *Days*, *The Crow and the Pitcher*, *Fog*, and *The Tiger and the Hunter*
- Grammar topics include rhyming, *-ly* adverbs, *review adjectives*, *its vs it's*, *rhyming*, *adding -ing*, *ey vs ay*, *who/which clauses*, *synonyms*, and *homonyms*
- Writing exercises this month will continue to focus on:
  - Teaching students to select relevant information from a story and place that information into paragraphs which become summaries
  - Identifying the story sequence in a narrative story, create story sequence outlines, summarize stories from outlines, and create three paragraph stories from the story sequence outlines created as a class
  - Performing a 4-point check when creating their sentences – capitals, spacing, end marks, does it make sense?

**Literature and Reading Fluency:** Students will continue to build and refine their oral reading fluency as they finish the novel *The Boxcar Children* by Gertrude Chandler Warner and begin *A Bear Called Paddington* by Michael Bond. Topics include:

- Identifying the main and supporting characters
- Story sequencing
- Making predictions
- Demonstrating comprehension and making inference from the text
- Defining, memorizing, and using new vocabulary from the story

**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
- A, E, O, U rules
- Review e dropping rules
- Abbreviations
- Plural rules
- CK sound /k/
- I and O 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.

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

- Weather
- Seasons

**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 the chapter on multiplication tables of 2, 5, and 10 and begin a unit on measurement. Specifically, students will practice the following:

- Writing out multiplication/division fact families
- Measuring in metres and comparing lengths
- Measuring in centimetres
- Real world problems with measurement
- Mass

**Science:** Science is observing and describing God's creation. God's attributes, power, and divine nature can be clearly seen in what has been made (Romans 1:20). This year, students will have the joy of studying physics. Students engage in hands on activities and experiments as they discover the wonders of God's creation. In February, the grade 2 class will focus on the following:

- Simple machines and levers by understanding:
  - Fulcrum
  - Leverage
  - Mechanical advantage
- Inventions
  - Bicycles
  - Land transportation
  - Flying: wings and balloons
  - Gliders and planes
  - Tom Tate and the Wright brothers

**Visual Arts:** This month, students will continue learning about the different elements of design, with a specific emphasis on colour. Students will:

- Extend their knowledge of primary and secondary colours by mixing tints and shades to create values
- Use various warm and cool tones to communicate ideas and feelings

**Music:** This month's music class will focus on developing more familiarity with the Orff instruments. Students will also continue practicing singing with solfege, rhythm, and directional note reading. More specific goals will include:

- Percussion patterns on the Orff instruments
- Solfege composition and dictation
- Tone quality in singing
- Percussion instruments
- Whole rest
- J. S. Bach

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

- Creative Movement
  - Freeze
  - Flexibility
- Incorporating skip counting with exercise routines
- Weekly physical challenges

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

## Upcoming Events

February 1 – High School Semester 2 Begins

February 5 – Re-Application Early Bird Deadline

February 12 – PD Day – No School

February 15 – Family Day – No School

February 16 – Post-Secondary Application Process & Planning Session –  
Online 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.