

March 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, grade 2 students will explore who Jesus really is. While exposing the wrong answers to this question, the lessons will reveal the true answer in Peter's confession and God the Father's endorsement at the transfiguration. Topics include:

- Lord of the Sabbath and power over evil spirits
- Feeding the five thousand, walking on water, the transfiguration
- Peter's confession
- Friend of children
- The rich young ruler and Zacchaeus

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

- Models for writing include *The Fog, My Shadow, The Monkey and the Camel, The Chickens, The Bundle of Sticks, and Chanticleer*
- Grammar topics include review and practice using -ly adverbs, strong verbs, quality adjectives, who-which clauses, and how to proofread and revise a paragraph
- Composition exercises focus on the topic/clinchier rule, marking interesting details in a source text (up to 6 points), creating an outline, rough draft, and final copy

Literature and Reading Fluency: Students will continue to build and refine their oral reading fluency as they explore the novel *A Bear Called Paddington* by Michael Bond. Topics include:

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

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
- Silent final e rules
- o-r rule
- *ti, ci, si* spellings of /sh/
- Abbreviations
- -ck 2 letter /k/ sound

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

- Seasons
- Weather
- The sky

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: Grade 2 students will explore Canada by studying the political and physical maps, symbols of Canada, government, freedoms, outstanding Canadians, and early explorers. During the month of March, students will investigate the world of early explorers to Canada. Students will read about and discuss their expeditions, challenges, navigational tools, ships, and legacy. This month's explorers include:

- Samuel de Champlain
- Henry Hudson

Mathematics: Students begin each mathematics period practicing math facts with the CalcuLadder math drill program. Students progress through this program on an individual basis. In March, the grade 2 class will complete the unit on length and then explore the concepts of mass, volume, mental math, and money. Specifically, students will practice the following skills:

- Measuring in kilograms and grams
- Measuring in litres
- Mental addition with 10s and estimating
- Comparing amounts of money

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 March, the grade 2 class will continue to study physics learning about:

- Flight
- Benjamin Franklin
- Thomas Edison

Visual Arts: In March, students will discover the medium of tempera paint on stretched canvas. Students will explore and apply the following to their artwork:

- Different painting techniques such as dabbing, short strokes, and long strokes on their still-life painting inspired by Paul Cezanne.
- Practice mixing secondary colours and adding textures to create dynamic pieces of art

Music: This month, the grade 2 class will continue to refine their technique on the Orff instruments as well as continue to learn more about reading and writing on the musical staff. Goals include:

- Syncopated rhythmic notation
- Understanding phrases
- Vivaldi: The Four Seasons
- Composition on the musical staff
- Spring concert repertoire

Physical Education: During physical education classes, students develop agility, flexibility, endurance, and gross motor skills as well as practice good sportsmanship. This month, classes will focus on developing hand and eye coordination and participating in collaborative activities. Topics include:

- Manipulation and visual tracking with scarves
- Fitness drills
- Use of scoops and balls, including scoop golf and scoop baseball

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

Upcoming Events

March 4 – Cursive is Cool Contest Deadline (Gr. 1-6)

March 4 – Bob Ingram Event – via Zoom at 7:00 p.m.

March 5 – High School Semester 2 Progress Reports Go Home

March 11 – Post-Secondary Pathways Night – via Zoom at 7:00 p.m.

March 19 – Exordium – via Zoom at 9:15 a.m.

March 29 – High School Semester 2 Midterms 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.