

May 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 how, according to Matthew 13:34, "Jesus spoke all these things to the crowd in parables." The parables offered the people stories to ponder-stories about familiar objects and ordinary experiences. Parables include:

- The Sower and the Seed
- Wheat and Weeds
- Mustard Seed and Yeast
- Hidden Treasures and Pearl of Great Price
- Unmerciful Servant

**History:** This year, grade 2 students are exploring Canada by studying the political and physical maps, symbols of Canada, government, freedoms, outstanding Canadians, and early explorers. This month, students will focus on the following explorers:

- Jacques Cartier
- John Cabot

**Writing, Grammar, and Phonics:** This year, grade 2 students are exploring various classic poems and literature selections as models to develop their writing, grammar, vocabulary, and phonics skills.

- Literature and poem selections include "The Secret", "Mr. Nobody", "Godfrey Gordon and Gustavus Gore", and "How Creatures Move"
- Grammar topics include review of *-ly* adverbs, strong verbs, because clauses, quality adjectives, who-which clauses, and checking and revising a paragraph
- Writing exercises focus on the topic/clincher rule, marking interesting details in a source text (up to 6 points), asking questions to create interesting details, creating an outline as a group and independently, retelling a paragraph from the outline, and writing a 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 *Sarah Plain and Tall* by Patricia MacLachlan. Topics include:

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

**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
- I and Y rule
- Silent final e rules
- *ti, ci, si* spellings of /sh/
- FF, LL, SS rule
- 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.

- -e dropping rules
- plurals

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

- The sky
- Water 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. During the month of May, students will explore time, the parts of a line, and curves. Specifically, students will practice the following skills:

- 3- and 4-times tables
- Time
  - The minute hand and hour hand
  - Using A.M. and P.M.
- Lines and curves

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

- Magnetism
  - Magnetism in outer space
  - compass
- Electromagnetism
  - How they differ from regular magnets
  - "temporary" power
  - Fun facts
- More Inventions
- Sound

**Visual Arts:** In May, students will explore three-dimensional forms through their study of different iconic structures around the world. Additionally, students will:

- Recognize different forms within their surroundings
- Create their own 3-dimensional forms using paper and found objects
- Explain how the elements and principles of design can communicate meaning in a piece of art

**Music:** This month, grade 2 students will learn spring themed repertoire, expand their knowledge of the voice, and do some listening exercises. More specific activities will include:

- Spring concert repertoire
- Identifying head voice and chest voice
- Singing in solfege
- Identifying rhythmic values
- Music history

**Physical Education:** During the stay-at-home order, students are encouraged to spend time outside and enjoy God's creation through exercise. This month, students are encouraged to:

- Engage in outdoor activities to enjoy fresh air and to develop healthy habits
- Go to the park and practice swinging, sliding, climbing, and playing kindly with others

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

## Upcoming Events

May 3, 10 & 17 – Apologetics For Innova Parents With Tim Barnett

May 5 – Community Safety Village (virtual) – grade 1 – 11:00

May 7 – Community Safety Village (virtual) - grade 2 – 1:30

May 10 – Walk Through Literature Day

May 14 – House Spelling B Competition

May 24 – Victoria Day – No School

May 28 – Community Safety Village (virtual) – SK – 9:00

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