

June 2021

The Month Ahead

At Innova



Grade 1

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Grade 1 students are actively engaged in learning 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 1 students will complete their unit on Moses. God preserved the Israelites, delivered them from Egypt, prepared them to worship Him, and brought them to the promised land. God took loving care of the Israelites and kept His promises to them. Areas of study this month include:

- Wilderness wanderings
- Death of Moses
- Unit review

History: During the month of June, grade 1 students will continue in their studies of famous Canadians. Influential Canadians include:

- Emily Murphy
- Tom Longboat
- Louis Riel

Literature: In literature this month, students will begin a unit where they will explore stories from different countries with a common theme that good deeds are rewarded in the end. The following selections in the *Classics for Young Readers* anthology will be explored: "The Poor Man's Reward", "The Water of Life", and "The Wonderful Brocade". Areas of study will include:

- Exploring how to make and support inferences
- Identifying story sequence
- Self-monitoring and understanding of text by retelling the beginning, middle, and end of a story
- Using question words to comprehend the details of each story
- Comparing characters and diving deeper into character traits
- Comparing and contrasting two stories

Spelling: This month, students will complete sections K-2, K-3, and K-4 of the SWR program. Students will:

- Practice how an adjective can make a sentence better
- Write their spelling words and phonograms from dictation
- Practice adding suffixes to words
- Study different kinds of sentences
- Practice alphabetizing spelling words to the 3rd letter
- Write original sentences

Writing and Grammar: In writing and grammar this month, students will continue their unit about inventive writing. Poems include: "Robin in the Rain", "The Little Seed", and "The Secret". Students will:

- Apply dress ups to their inventive writing
- Use their brains as a source of information
- Create new word banks
- Reinforce that each paragraph has a purpose
- Retell using the key word outline they create
- Focus on structure and style of writing
- Revisit each of the structural models previously learned

Grade 1 – 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: The grade 1 class will practice Latin vocabulary related to the following themes:

- Gardening - flower, plant, garden, leaf, ground/dirt
- Playing outdoors - mountain, tree, rock, hill, forest
- Chapter 31 - Review

Mathematics: This month in mathematics, students will focus on Chapter 18: Multiplication and Division and Chapter 19: Money. Areas of study include:

- Adding the same number
- Sharing equally
- Finding the number of groups
- Penny, nickel, dime, quarter
- Counting, adding, and subtracting money

Science: Over the course of this month, students will end the year with a study related to the seashore. Students will explore the following topics:

- Low and high tide - what the tide brings in
- Investigating one small square of sandy shore
- Sea plants, sea animals, and shells
- Rocky shore inhabitants
- Bacteria and algae
- Sea crustaceans and sea mollusks
- Brainless wonders - sponges, sea urchins, starfish, jellyfish, and sea anemones

Visual Arts: In June, students will continue to explore three-dimensional forms. They will apply their knowledge of elements and principles of design learned throughout the year to communicate meaning in their art. Students will:

- Learn about forms around the world, such as different iconic structures
- Create three-dimensional forms using salt clay and paper
- Present meaning using their knowledge of elements and principles of design

Music: In music class, students will engage in activities involving all the areas of music learned throughout the year. Topics include:

- Solfege singing
- Rhythm syllables and notation
- Critical listening
- Composer study
- Treble clef notes

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

June 9 – Ripley's Aquarium Field Trip (virtual) – Gr. 1/2

June 11 – Ripley's Aquarium Field Trip (virtual) – Gr. 3-5

June 17 – Spring Concert (virtual)

June 17 – Repairing the Ruins Simulcasts for Parents

June 17-23 – High School Evaluation Days

June 21 - Innova Business Meeting – For all parents at 7:00 p.m.

June 24 – Last Day of Classes (lunch dismissal), Reports Sent Home, and Grade 8 Graduation

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