

June 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, the grade 2 students will continue exploring 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 Unmerciful Servant
- The Tenants
- The Marriage Feast
- The Pharisee and the Tax Collector
- The Loving Father

**History:** This year, the grade 2 class will explore Canada by studying the political and physical maps, symbols of Canada, Government, Freedoms, Outstanding Canadians, and Early Explorers. This month, students will:

- Finish studying Jacques Cartier
- Learn about John Cabot
- Complete an "If I were an explorer, I would...." project

**Writing, Grammar, and Phonics:** This year, grade 2 students will explore various classic poems and literature selections as models to develop their writing, grammar, vocabulary, and phonics skills. For the month of June, students will focus on the following:

- Literature and poem selections include: "How Creatures Move", "The Crab and His Teacher", "Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening", "The Farmer and the King", "Sea Fever", and "The Shepherd and the Sea"
- Grammar topics include review of -ly adverbs, strong verbs, because clause, quality adjectives, who-which clauses, and how to check and revise a paragraph using a check list
- Writing exercises focus on the topic/clincher rule, marking interesting details in a source text (up 6 points), asking questions to create interesting details, creating an outline independently, retelling a paragraph from the outline, 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/

## 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.

- compounds words
- prepositions
- direct quotes
- derivatives

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

- Water words
- Gardening words
- Playing outdoor words

**Mathematics:** Grade 2 students begin each mathematics period practicing math facts with the CalcuLadder math drill program. Student progress through this program on an individual basis. In June, students will explore money and fractions as well as practice the following skills:

- 4 times tables
- Picture graphs
- Shapes and patterns

**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 June, students will continue their study of physics learning about:

- Sound
- Galileo, Aristotle, and Copernicus
- Galileo and Space
- Constellations

**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.