

December 2016

The Month Ahead At Innova

Junior Kindergarten
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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 JK and SK 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. They have three children, two of whom are in high school and the youngest will be joining his siblings soon. Her favourite Bible verses are Colossians 1:15-17.



Samantha Jung
Teacher

Junior and Senior
Kindergarten

Language Arts: Students will review all the letters and their respective sounds and learn some lower case letters. With the use of various tactile means, students will practise proper letter formation. This month, students will focus on the following:

Phonics and Penmanship

- Review all upper-case letters and introduce lower case letters *l, c, m, b, o, t, a,* and *s.*

Vocabulary

- Learn the meaning of words related to family and friends
- Learn the meaning of words related to colours and shapes

Literature

- Listen to and discuss stories including *Rapunzel, The Grand Canyon, Mike Mulligan and His Shovel, Tale of Peter Rabbit,* and *Tale of Benjamin Rabbit.*

Christian Education: Students will continue to learn how God's people listened to and responded to Him. Topics include:

- Elijah and the fiery chariot
- Elisha and the Shunamite family
- The healing of Naaman
- King Josiah
- Jonah and the fish
- Nineveh
- Daniel and his friends
- Esther becomes queen and saves her people
- Memory Verse: "God has said, 'Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you.' So, we say with confidence, 'The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid'" (Hebrews 13:5-6).

History / Geography: Students will continue their travels around the world learning about all the continents while highlighting certain cities, animals and traditions. This month, topics include:

- Ireland
- Netherlands
- Russia

Mathematics: Students will learn to recognize their numbers and use various tactile means to practise proper number formation. This month, we will cover the following:

- Rote counting to 20
- Identifying numbers up to 20
- Counting objects up to 20
- Identifying shapes

Science: Kindergarten students will enjoy getting messy and conducting a variety of Christmas science experiments during the month of December. The five senses and different states of matter will be explored with the following lessons:

JK – 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.

- Dissolving candy canes
- Hot chocolate science
- The science of ice and salt
- Evergreens
- Grinch slime

Latin: Students will continue to learn and master Latin vocabulary put to song and chants to help with pronunciation and memorization. This month, we will focus on the following words and phrases:

- How are you?
- I am good or bad or happy
- Hello
- Goodbye
- Teacher
- Student

Visual Arts: In December, students will explore the next element of art - texture. Topics include:

- Brueghel texture collage using natural material
- Sculpting in art history
- Sculpture using texture
- Creating Christmas ornaments using texture

Dramatic Arts: In December, students will work on creating the Christmas story drama. Students will:

- Use pantomime and body expression to tell the story of Jesus' birth.

Music: Students will continue to develop musical skills as they prepare for our Christmas concert. Students will:

- Learn to match pitches and keep a steady beat
- Develop their ability to sing in a group
- Learn to follow a conductor

Physical Education: Students will be introduced to kicking and control skills using balls and beanbags. The following skills will be covered:

- Dribbling
- Ball kicking variations
- Kicking to a target

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

Upcoming Events

- December 1st – Parent Teacher Interviews
- December 2nd – Walk Through History Day
- December 6th – Christmas Performance for Cedarview's Seniors Group
- December 16th - Pizza Lunch
- December 19th – Christmas Performance for Amica Residents
- December 20th – Innova Christmas Concert
- December 22nd – Library and Skating Field Trip
- December 23rd – Classes Dismissed (at lunch) for Christmas break

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