

November 2016

The Month Ahead

At Innova



Junior Kindergarten
Mrs. Samantha Jung

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 be introduced to different letters and their respective sounds. With the use of various tactile means, students will practice proper letter formation. This month, topics will include:

Phonics and Penmanship

- Letters include: *R, G, I, D, K, Y, V, U, TH*

Vocabulary

- Family and friend words
- Community words

Literature

- *Open Hydrant, The Secret Place, Mary Had a Little Lamb, Time to Rise, Recycling is Smart, A Chair for My Mother, and Their Homes Were Their Castles.*

Christian Education: Students will continue to learn about God's plan for His family. Our next unit will discuss Christ's birth and the events leading up to it. Topics include:

- Samuel
- David
- The Angel's visit

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
- Germany
- The Netherlands
- Russia

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

- 0 – 10

Science: Students have enjoyed watching and experimenting with God's changing creation as the autumn weather has arrived. During the month of November, kindergartners will learn about and appreciate some of the "*unhuggable*" animals in God's creation as we study:

- Spiders and their webs
- What bats are like
- Interesting insects

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

- How are you? I am happy/sad/good.
- Hello
- Goodbye
- Father and Mother

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.

Visual Arts: This month, students will explore the third element of design - line. Students will also create sashes for the Walk Through History Day. Topics, students will cover this month, include:

- Printed lines
- Exploring lines in artwork
- Jacob Lawrence lines
- Old Testament sashes

Dramatic Arts: This month in drama, students will continue to explore pantomimes. Students will also explore body movement and how they can use their body to show emotions. Drama workshops include:

- Tree pantomime
- Emotion walk
- Animal movement

Music: JK students will continue to develop melodic and rhythmic awareness through a variety of activities surrounding the theme of weather. Skills include:

- Singing in tune and practicing Christmas repertoire
- Feeling pulse
- Imitating rhythmic patterns
- Playing unpitched percussion
- Hearing same/different

Physical Education: Students will continue to participate in skill-building activities including:

- Underhand throwing
- Overhand throwing
- Throwing to a partner

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

Upcoming Events

November 3rd – Picture Day Retake

November 11th – Remembrance Day Chapel – all welcome

November 16th – Alice in Wonderland Dress Rehearsal – all welcome

November 17th – One Act Play Drama Festival – Stouffville

November 18th - Pizza Lunch

November 25th – Walk Through History Day &

Term 1 Ends – Reports Sent Home

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