

November 2016

# The Month Ahead At Innova



Senior 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 continue to develop phonetic awareness, expand their vocabulary, and study two literature units entitled “House and Home”, and “Three Fairy Tales”. Topics include:

**Phonics**

- Letter sounds a, m, s, t, b, f, c, h, j, l, n, p, r, o, d, g, k, v, and short vowels
- Sight words the, and, is, on, to, in, it, he, and was.

**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, Their Homes Were Their Castles, Cinderella, and Rapunzel.*

**Christian Education:** Students will continue to learn about God’s plan for His family and our next unit will discuss Christ’s birth and 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’s topics include:

- Ireland
- Germany
- The Netherlands
- Russia

**Mathematics:** In Mathematics, students will continue to review their numbers to 10.

Topics include:

- 0 – 10
- Composing and decomposing 5
- Counting and ordering to 10
- Same, more, fewer than, and how many in all
- Size and position
- Before and after

**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

## SK – 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:** 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

**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:** SK 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 3<sup>rd</sup> – Picture Day Retake

November 11<sup>th</sup> – Remembrance Day Chapel – all welcome

November 16<sup>th</sup> – Alice in Wonderland Dress Rehearsal – all welcome

November 17<sup>th</sup> – One Act Play Drama Festival – Stouffville

November 18<sup>th</sup> - Pizza Lunch

November 25<sup>th</sup> – 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.