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The Month Ahead

At Innova

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.



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Phonics: SK students will continue to learn all the phonemes. This month, we will focus on the following:

- Short i, u, long u, ch, y, sh, aw, kw, ks, long doubles, oo, ow and syllables

Writing: SK students will:

- Continue to practice proper letter formation through various printing activities/centers.
- Be introduced to writing journals where they can record events, ideas, etc. while still practicing proper letter and sentence formation.

Vocabulary: Students will be introduced to the different terms and words used to describe the following:

- Professions/jobs
- Family members
- Friends

Mathematics: Students will continue to review their numbers to 10 and learn to order things by size, length and weight. This month, we will focus on the following:

- Comparing numbers
- Investigating one more and one less
- Comparing sets and pairs
- Matching one to one
- Biggest and smallest
- Taller and shorter
- Longest and shortest
- Bigger than, taller than, smaller than, etc.

Bible: SK students have been focusing on Old Testament stories and learning about God's special families and His plan for His families. This month, we will focus on the following:

- Joseph
- Moses
- The Tabernacle
- Feast of Booths
- Hannah and Samuel

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

- Australia: Sydney - the coastal city
- Europe: Spain and England

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.

Science: Autumn is here and our exploration of God's creation will continue in science with lessons on the following:

- Autumn and the changes it brings
- Bats and spiders
- Experiments with apples and pumpkins
- The life cycle of a pumpkin

Latin: SK students will continue to learn and master Latin words put to songs 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 dive into the second element of design with shapes and explore pilgrim art. Students will:

- Discover how artist use shapes
- Learn about Piet Mondrain
- Look at Pilgrim art
- Examine American gothic art
- Create a final culminating work – a shape sun catcher

Dramatic Arts: In the JK/ SK class, students will explore emotions through different types of pantomimes. Students will learn what a pantomime is, and then engage in the following pantomimes:

- Thanksgiving feast pantomime
- The tree grows pantomime

Music: The JK / SK class will continue to sing and play games that will expose them to different elements of music such as:

- Pulse
- High/low
- Unpitched percussion

Physical Education: Students will continue to learn skill-building activities. This month the focus will be on:

- Bouncing a ball with two hands
- Catching a ball with one and two hands

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

Upcoming Events

October 6th & 7th – P.A. Days – No School
October 10th – Thanksgiving Day – No School
October 19th - Cross Country Meet (Gr. 3-8) – Simeon Park
Oct 21st - Pizza Lunch

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