

September 2016

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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We would like to extend a warm welcome to both new and returning families! Innova is truly blessed and awed by God's grace and goodness as we enter our third year. Thank you for the opportunity to partner with your family in educating your child for the glory of God.

In **Language Skills (vocabulary)** this month, students will learn to describe people, places, and things using colour words. Students will also learn the names for basic body parts, such as head, arms, legs, etc. and describe self-portraits. Students will then identify rhyme and rhythm in the three poems, "One, Two Buckle My Shoe", "Old Mother Hubbard", and "I Eat My Peas with Honey".

Phonics class will focus on the following letter sounds: /m/, /t/, /n/, /p/, /è/, /h/, /d/, /ô/, /b/, /f/, /ā/, /g/, /ō/, and /j/. At the end of the month, students will begin to learn the letter sounds for /s/, /w/, /z/, /l/, /ā/ and /i/.

In **Literature and Comprehension** students will read the stories "Little Red Riding Hood", "Jack and the Beanstalk" and "Healthy Snacks". With all three pieces of literature, students will learn to make predictions based on the title and the illustrations. Students will also identify the setting, main characters and make connections with the text. Lastly, they will learn to sequence the main events of each story.

In **Mathematics**, students will learn numbers up to 5. They will also learn how to match items, look for similarities, and how to describe small differences between objects. At the end

of the month, students will learn about numbers up to 10.

In **Bible**, students will focus on how God created everything. After Adam and Eve's sin, God provided a plan of redemption for mankind through the promise of a Saviour. Students will hear about how God protected Noah through the flood and preserved His plan of redemption through him. Next, students will learn about God's plan to overcome sin and how it was accomplished through the making of a great nation through Abraham and his descendants. Our Bible memory verses this month are Genesis 1:1 and Genesis 28:15.

In **Science**, students will begin the year discovering what a scientist is and does. We will discuss, explore, and experiment with the five senses God gave us so that we may experience all that He has created. Students will understand that God has made us curious with the need and capacity to learn. Through nature walks, songs, and hands-on activities, students will begin their journey exploring God's world and becoming mini-scientists.

This year, JK students will create their very own **Art** portfolios to display and share their artwork with classmates. They will begin the year learning primary and secondary colours through examining different pieces of classical art. Students will also become familiar with the differences between warm and cool colours



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SK – The Grammar Stage

The grammar stage builds a solid academic foundation. Children have a natural ability to readily absorb large quantities of information. They find memorization enjoyable, and happily sing and chant phonics and grammar rules, math facts, Latin vocabulary, the names of the continents and oceans, and the important events and dates of history. Grammar school education focuses on the absorption of facts and rules, and lays the foundation for the logic stage.

and how they can use colour to display emotion. Students will be exposed to Van Gough's famous painting of *Starry Night* and create their own landscapes using warm and cool colours.

In **History/Geography**, students will learn about the earth, beginning with the seven continents and their corresponding names. They will recognize the globe as a model of the earth, learn the four cardinal directions, north, south, east and west, and locate the North and South Poles on a map. At the end of the month, students will learn the country and continent where they live and locate it on a globe and/or map.

This month, JK students will be introduced to **Latin** through songs, learning the Latin words for "Hello", "Goodbye", "Teacher", "Student", "Tell me what your name is" and "My name is..."

In **Physical Education** students will focus on having fun while learning skill-building activities such as throwing, catching, rolling, and bouncing balls.

JK students will have many opportunities for **Dramatic** play. This month students will learn about the role of characters in a play. Students will explore different types of characters and examine the role of emotion

in displaying character. Students will then be able to create their own character for a play and present their character to the class using emotion.

Music class is a space where children learn to express themselves through the art of music and have the chance to explore the many ways in which music can be engaged. I am so excited to begin this journey with the JK/SK class! In September, students will begin to learn the basics of music such as pulse, high/low, up/down, same/different, and fast/slow. They will explore vocal qualities and identify the timbres of unpitched percussion instruments. Students will also have the chance to learn proper mallet technique and experiment with Orff instruments.

Innova Academy has modified some of our curricular sequencing to facilitate split grade classes. This allows for enhanced classroom discussion and student interaction. Please note that although students in different grades study the same topic in some subject areas, curricular expectations are tailored to individual grade levels.

We are looking forward to a great month of September, full of learning and fun!

Upcoming Events

September 6th – First Day of Classes
September 8th – Back to School Social – 5:30-7:00pm
September 22nd – Curriculum Night for Parents
September 23rd – Picture Day

Romans 12:2 – Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. (ESV)



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Innova Academy aspires to graduate young men and women who will possess the virtues, wisdom, knowledge, and skills necessary for further academic study. Our goal is to equip students to discern truth from folly, to communicate clearly and persuasively, and to actively and influentially serve Christ in their communities.