

January 2017

# 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.



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Teacher

Junior and Senior  
Kindergarten



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

Phonics and Penmanship

- Letters: Review all upper case letters and introduce the lower case letters *j, w, e, p, h, r, g, i, d, k, q, y, and v.*

Vocabulary

- Colours and shapes
- Items in a kitchen and food

Literature

- *Tale of Peter Rabbit, Tale of Benjamin Rabbit, The Tale of the Flopsy Bunnies, The Velveteen Rabbit, and Rare and Wonderful Pandas.*

**Christian Education:** Students will learn about the teachings of Jesus and some of the miracles He performed. Topics include:

- Jesus visits the temple
- Jesus and Nicodemus
- Jesus chooses His disciples
- Jesus blesses the children
- Jesus' talk with a Samaritan Woman
- Jesus heals many people
- Memory Verses: "For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life" (John 3:16). "The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cured, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is preached to the poor" (Luke 7:22).

**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:

- Italy
- China
- Japan

**Mathematics:** Students will learn to recognize their numbers up to 30 and use various tactile means to practise proper number formation. This month, students will learn the following:

- Rote count 0 - 30
- Recognize flat shapes
- Shape patterns
- Counting by 2s to 30
- Counting by 5s to 30
- Counting by 10s to 30
- Sequence numbers 1 – 30

## 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.

**Science:** During the month of January, students will explore God's winter wonderland through the following lessons and experiments:

- Winter nature hike using our five senses
- Measurement
- Salt and ice
- Hot chocolate science

**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 good or bad or happy
- Hello
- Goodbye
- Teacher
- Student

**Visual Arts:** Students will continue to explore texture through sculptures. Topics include:

- Sculpting in art history
- Sculpture using textures
- Three dimensional sculptures

**Dramatic Arts:** This month in drama, students will explore the use of voice when acting. Topics include:

- Projection
- Using voice to help define a character

**Music:** The January theme for music class is winter. Students will:

- Learn songs about winter
- Play wintry games
- Expand their repertoire of music
- Practise keeping the pulse of music
- Know the difference between elements of music such as fast and slow or low and high.

**Physical Education:** JK students will continue to master kicking skills using balls and beanbags and practise ball control skills. 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

January 9<sup>th</sup> – Classes Resume

January 12<sup>th</sup> – InSchoolwear Uniform Sale at Innova – 12:30-3:30 p.m.

January 19<sup>th</sup> – Pizza Lunch

January 20<sup>th</sup> – Snow Valley Ski Trip (Gr. 3-8) & Tobogganing (JK-2)

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