

February 2017

The Month Ahead

At Innova



Senior 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 continue to develop phonetic awareness, expand their vocabulary, and study two literature units titled "Among Animals" and a novel study. Language arts topics include:

Phonics:

- Letter sounds: short vowels *a, e, i, o, and u*, digraphs *sh* and *th*.
- Sight Words: two, they, both, you, went, and we

Literature:

- *The Velveteen Rabbit, Rare and Wonderful Pandas, and Lion and the Mouse*
- Novel Study: *Ox-Cart Man*

Writing:

- Practising letter formation
- Printing words from different word families. Endings include: *um, un, ut, op, ad, ag, am, an, ap, at, ed, en, et, ig, in, ip, it, ob, and od*.
- Creating short sentences from different word families

Vocabulary

- Items in a Kitchen and Food
- Animals
- School Subjects

Christian Education: Students will continue to learn about the teachings of Jesus and how Jesus wants us to live. Topics include:

- The Good Shepherd
- The wise and foolish builders
- The Pharisee and the tax collector
- The widow's offering
- The rich young man
- The Lord's Prayer
- The greatest commandment
- Giving thanks
- Caring for others
- Memory verses: "As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples" (John 13:34-35).
- "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and Love your neighbor as yourself." (Luke 10:27).

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:

- Japan
- India
- Arabian Peninsula

Mathematics: In Mathematics, students will explore comparing sets, sequencing, and counting backwards. Topic include:

- Comparing sets up to 10 and 20 objects
- Understanding and working with number trains
- Counting the difference by comparing sets in one to one correspondence
- Sequencing events
- Understanding first, next, and last
- Understanding first, second, and third in terms of physical position

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: In the month of February, students will celebrate dental health month as they learn about their teeth and how to care for them properly. Students will then be introduced to the five major body systems during our next unit of study. Through direct instruction and a variety of hands-on activities, students will learn the basic functions, as well as key components of each system. This month's investigations include:

- Dental health
- The digestive system

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

- Teacher
- Students
- What is your name?
- My name is...
- Table
- Chair
- Book
- Pencil

Visual Arts: This month, students will continue to explore texture through sculptures and will begin a unit on patterning in the visual arts. Topics include:

- Clay sculpting
- Art history with Michelangelo
- Clay sculptures of God's creation
- Patterns in art

Dramatic Arts: This month, students will begin exploring fairy tales. Topics include:

- Elements of fairy tales
- Fairy tale nursery rhymes
- Pantomime fairy tales

Music: Students will continue to practise their skills with unpitched percussion and singing. This month, there will be a stronger emphasis on pitch matching, keeping a steady pulse, and understanding rhythmic notation. More specifically, we will explore:

- Half notes and half rests
- Good singing tone and correct pitch matching
- Rhythmic patterns on unpitched percussion instruments

Physical Education: JK students will complete the unit on kicking skills using balls and beanbags. Next, they will learn the skills of striking and hitting various items using their hands and paddles. The following skills will be covered:

- Keeping a balloon in the air
- Hitting a balloon to a wall
- Using a paddle/bat for striking

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

Upcoming Events

February 2nd and 10th – Pizza Lunch

February 20th – Family Day – no school

February 23rd – In-School Speech Meet

February 28th – ACSI Girls Basketball Tournament – Whitfield Christian School

March 2nd - ACSI Public Speaking Festival – Mississauga Christian Academy

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