

January 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 continue to study two literature units entitled "Peter Rabbit", and "Among Animals". Topics include:

Phonics:

- Letter sounds - short *a, e, i, o, u*, and *y*.

Literature:

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

Writing:

- Practising letter formation
- Printing words from different word families. Endings include: *et, ig, in, ip, it, ob, od, og, op, ot, ox, ug, um, un*, and *ut*.
- Creating short sentences from different words families

Vocabulary:

- Colours and shapes
- Items in a kitchen and food

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, topics include:

- Italy
- China
- Japan

Mathematics: In Mathematics, students will continue to learn about solid and flat shapes and learn their numbers to 100 using different ways of skip counting. Topics include:

- Properties of 2-dimensional shapes
- Properties of flat shapes
- Shape patterns
- Counting by 2s

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.

- Counting by 5s
- Counting by 10's
- Investigating and sequencing numbers in the 50s, 60s, 70s, 80s, 90s and 100.

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: SK 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 9th – Classes Resume

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

January 19th – Pizza Lunch

January 20th – 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.