

March 2017

# 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 and they have three children. In her spare time, she is involved in her church choir and worship team and volunteers in the nursery. Her favourite Bible verses are Colossians 1:15-17.



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**Language Arts:** Students will continue to develop phonetic awareness, expand their vocabulary, and continue to study two literature units entitled “Among Animals” and a novel study. Language arts topics include:

Phonics:

- Letter sounds: short vowels *a, e, i, o,* and *u,* digraphs *sh, th, ch* and *wh*
- Sight Words: *what, their,* and *want*

Literature:

- Stories include: *Rare and Wonderful Pandas,* and the *Lion and the Mouse*

Writing:

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

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 Greatest Commandment
- Giving thanks
- Caring for others
- Palm Sunday
- The Lord’s Supper
- Memory Verses: “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).
- “The angel said to the women, ‘Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; He has risen, just as He said’” (Matthew 28:5-6).

**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:

- Arabian Peninsula
- Life in the Sahara

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

- Comparing sets up to 10 and 20 objects
- Counting the difference through 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:** During the month of March, students will be introduced to the five major body systems: digestive, circulatory, muscular, skeletal, and respiratory. 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:

- The digestive system
- The skeletal 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:** Students will explore monochromatic colours through the artist Ted Harrison. Topics will include:

- History of Ted Harrison
- Monochromatic colours paint pallets
- Ted Harrison monochromatic landscape painting

**Dramatic Arts:** Students will explore the art of puppets. Topics will include:

- Character development of a puppet
- Creation of puppets
- Voice creations for puppets
- Puppet presentation

**Music:** In March, students will continue to refine their mallet technique and continue to practise rhythms on the Orff instruments. They will also begin a unit on orchestral instruments and what they sound like. More specifically, they will work on:

- Rhythmic and tonal borduns
- Whole note and whole rest notation
- Solfege scale
- Spring concert repertoire

**Physical Education:** SK students will continue to learn the skills of striking and hitting various items using their hands and paddles. The following skills will be covered:

- Keeping a balloon up
- 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

March 2<sup>nd</sup> – ASCI Public Speaking Festival – Mississauga Christian Academy

March 3<sup>rd</sup> – Pizza Lunch; Term 2 Ends – Reports Sent Home

March 9<sup>th</sup> - Parent/Teacher Interviews – Term 2

March 10<sup>th</sup> – Maple Syrup Festival – Bruce's Mill

March 13<sup>th</sup> – March Break Begins

March 27<sup>th</sup> – Classes Resume

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