

April 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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Junior and Senior
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Senior Kindergarten
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Language Arts: Students will continue to develop phonetic awareness, expand their vocabulary, and continue to study two literature units titled "Among Animals" and "Helping Hands". Language arts topics include:

Phonics:

- Letter sounds: review short vowels *a, e, i, o,* and *u,* and digraph *sh, th, wh,* and *ch*
- Trigraph *tch,* ending *ck*
- Sight words: *said, your, so, who, see,* and *or*

Literature:

- Stories include: *Lion and the Mouse, Caps for Sale, Make Way for Ducklings* and *The Elves and the Shoemaker*

Writing:

- Practising letter formation
- Printing words from different word families
- Creating short sentences from different word families
- Journaling

Vocabulary

- Animals
- School subjects

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

- Palm Sunday
- The Lord's Supper
- Jesus' arrest
- The cross
- The resurrection
- Jesus appears to His followers
- "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's topics include:

- Life in the Sahara
- Southern Africa
- Kalahari Desert
- African Savannah
- Life in the Congo

Mathematics: In Mathematics, students will explore sequencing and counting backwards, patterns and number facts up to 20. Topics include:

- Patterns
- Counting backwards from 30
- Composing numbers up to 20
- Decomposing numbers up to 20

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 April, students will learn the importance of hand washing and doing their part to stop the spread of germs to themselves and others. With the science fair fast approaching, kindergarteners will conduct an experiment using the scientific method to answer the question, "What is the best way to clean our hands?" This month, students will also continue to explore how they are *fearfully and wonderfully made* in God's image. Through discussions, books, creative play, and crafts, students will learn about the following body systems:

- Muscular
- Cardiovascular

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 observing and discussing different landscapes. Topics include:

- Learning about Picasso
- Comparing Picasso and Ted Harrison Landscapes
- Picasso landscape art
- Easter craft

Dramatic Arts: This month, students will continue working on our puppet unit. Topics include:

- Creating sock puppets
- Creative play with sock puppets
- Short skits with puppets

Music: As we enter the final months of the school year, the junior and senior kindergarten class will begin preparing repertoire for the spring concert. They will also review all they have learned throughout the year and continue to build on their skills on the Orff instruments. Goals include:

- Keeping a steady off-beat pulse on unpitched percussion instruments
- Mallet technique
- Repetitive patterns on the Orff instruments

Physical Education: SK students will experience and explore body and spatial awareness through movement activities to music. The following skills will be covered:

- Moving to music
- Pathways to music
- Body actions to music
- Moving through a controlled space

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

Upcoming Events

- April 4th – ACSI Chess Tournament – Brampton Christian School
- April 6th – Maple Syrup Festival – Bruce's Mill
- April 7th & April 20th – Pizza Lunch
- April 12th – Firehall Tour – Central York Fire Station - JK – Gr. 2
- April 13th – Science Fair – Cedarview Gym
- April 14th & 17th – Good Friday & Easter Monday – No School
- April 24th – ACSI Badminton – Stouffville Christian School
- April 27th – ACSI Math Olympics – 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.