

May 2017

# The Month Ahead At Innova



Senior 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 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.



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 "Amazing Tales" and "World's Creatures". Language Arts topics include:

Phonics:

- Trigraph *tch*, ending *ck*
- Telling and asking sentences
- Sight Words: *who*, *see*, *or*

Literature:

- Stories include: *Migrating Monarchs*, *A Story, A Story*, *Spider and Turtle and Good Manners*, *The Wombat and the Kangaroo*, and *Go, Kangaroo, Go!*

Writing:

- Practising letter formation
- Printing words from different word families.
- Journaling

Vocabulary

- Music
- Reading Words

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

- The Ascension
- Pentecost
- Philip
- Peter
- Paul
- Memory Verse: "You are witness to these things" (Luke 24:48)

**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:

- The African Savannah
- Life in the Congo
- African villages and cities
- Introduction to South America

**Mathematics:** In Mathematics, students will explore patterns and number facts to 20 and length and height. Topics include:

- Patterns
- Counting backwards from 30
- Composing numbers to 20
- Decomposing numbers to 20
- Comparing lengths and heights using nonstandard units
- Vocabulary: long, short, longer, shorter, longest, shortest, tallest and shortest

## 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:** This month, kindergartners will celebrate God's creation as we focus on the beautiful spring season. Lessons this month will include:

- The lifecycle of the butterfly
- The lifecycle of a frog
- Insects

**Latin:** Students will continue to learn and master Latin words put to song and chants to help with pronunciation and memorization, and play "Simon Says" in Latin. Students will focus on the following words:

- Hand
- Foot
- Head
- Body
- Ear
- Nose
- Eye
- Mouth

**Visual Arts:** This month, students will continue exploring the artist Picasso and the techniques he used. Topics include:

- Cubism
- Picasso self portrait
- Comparing Picasso and Ted Harrison as artists.

**Dramatic Arts:** This month, students will complete the puppet unit and will begin a storytelling unit. Topics include:

- Creating sock puppets
- Creative play with sock puppets
- Short puppet play
- An introduction to storytelling with the wind and trees exercise.

**Music:** The Innova students are very busy preparing for the spring concert on May 25th. Students are:

- Playing unpitched and pitched Orff instruments in an ensemble
- Learning to clap on the off beat
- Developing their ability to sing on pitch
- Developing rhythmic awareness

**Physical Education:** SK students will continue to 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

May 1 – Christian School Expo – Gym  
May 4<sup>th</sup> – Shape Conference – Main Sanctuary  
May 5<sup>th</sup> – Pastors' Appreciation Breakfast – Fellowship Hall  
May 11<sup>th</sup> – InSchoolwear 50% Off Sale at Innova  
May 12<sup>th</sup> – Pizza Lunch & AMICA Visit  
May 22<sup>nd</sup> – Victoria Day – No School  
May 25<sup>th</sup> – Pizza Lunch & Spring Concert  
May 30<sup>th</sup> & June 1<sup>st</sup> – Track and Field – Gr. 7-8 & 3-6 - Centennial Stadium

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