

June 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 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 entitled "Amazing Tales" and "World's Creatures". Language arts topics include:

Phonics:

- Endings *-s, -es, -ff, -ll, -zz, and -all*
- Sight Words: *does, why, one, were, my, are, Mr., Mrs., and Dr.*

Literature:

- *Migrating Monarchs, Insects of the Rain Forest, The Foolish Rabbit, Being Nosy About Smells, and The Honest Woodsman*

Writing:

- Cursive Letters *a, d, o, c, g, qu, b, f, h, k, l, e, i, j* (as each letter is learned, students will incorporate it into their daily writing)
- Daily Journaling

Vocabulary

- Comparison words
- Emotion and feeling words

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

- Saul/Paul
- Barnabas
- Paul's journeys
- Memory Verse: "You are witness to these things" (Luke 24:48) NIV

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:

- South America
- North America

Mathematics: In Mathematics, students will explore Length and Height, Classifying and Sorting Items, Addition and Subtraction Stories. Students will:

- Compare length and height using nonstandard units
- Use the following vocabulary: long, short, longer, shorter, longest, shortest, tallest and shortest
- Classify things by one or two attributes
- Write addition and subtraction sentences for facts up to 10

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

- The lifecycle of a butterfly
- The lifecycle of a frog

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.

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:

- Eye
- Mouth
- Ears
- Nose
- Head
- Body
- Feet
- Hands

Visual Arts: Students will continue to explore still life paintings. Topics include:

- Still-life paintings –Rivera, Grooms
- Fruit still-life painting using different mediums
- Year-end review of artists covered

Dramatic Arts: This month in drama, students will explore story development. Topics include:

- How actors use listening and responding to portray real and imaginary characters in a story
- Identifying setting (e.g. a firehouse, restaurant, grandma's kitchen, dungeon, etc.) and story points to enact a story

Music: June is primarily a review month for kindergarten students, working with all areas of music learned throughout the year in the form of musical games and activities. Students will also be introduced to music history and critical listening. Topics include:

- Opposites review (high/low, loud/soft, short/long etc.)
- Solfege singing
- Rhythm syllables
- Musical genres
- Critical listening

Physical Education: SK students will complete the unit on movement and then be introduced to cooperation and team building skills through different games and activities. The following skills will be covered:

- Moving to music
- Moving through a controlled space
- Cooperative and organizational games

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

Upcoming Events

- June 1 – Track and Field – Grade 7/8 - Centennial Stadium
- June 2 – Pasta Lunch
- June 7 – Graduation Event – Gr. 7/8
- June 9 – Pizza Lunch
- June 12 – Science Centre Field Trip
- June 17 – Innova Family Picnic – Bradford, West Gwillimbury
- June 19 – Market Day & Pizza Lunch
- June 20 – Last Day of School – Lunch Dismissal & Reports Sent Home
- June 21-23 – PA Days for Staff - ACCS Conference

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