

September 2017

The Month Ahead

At Innova



Junior 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

We would like to extend a warm welcome to both new and returning families! Innova is truly blessed and awed by God's grace and goodness as we enter our fourth year. Thank you for the opportunity to partner with your family in educating your child for the glory of God.

Our Junior Kindergarten program is designed to introduce children to the joy of learning through theme-based units. Students will listen to wonderful selections of classic children's literature and respond through engaging hands-on activities. We are committed to developing the whole child by providing a pleasant environment for children to take chances and explore. Above all, we strive to lead children to taste the joys of being a child of God and grow in their understanding of serving Him.

Christian Education: Students will be introduced to the Bible and creation. This month, topics include:

- God shows His love through creation
- Review of creation days 1 – 7
- The Bible is the inspired Word of God
- God created a good world
- We can praise and thank God for His creation with our songs, prayers, and artwork
- We want to care for God's world
- Memory verse: Genesis 1:1, 31a: "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.... God saw all that he had made, and it was very good" (ESV)

Language Arts: This month's themes are: Welcome to Kindergarten, Apples, and the start of a new Farm Unit. Students will be introduced to different letters and their sound. With the use of various tactile means, songs, and chants, students will practise proper letter formation and pronunciation. This month, we will cover the following:

Literature: As stories are explored, students will listen for the phonemes /l/, /c/, /m/, /b/, /o/, /t/, /a/, /s/, /j/, and /ph/. Selections include:

- *Johnny Appleseed* by Steven Kellogg
- *Ten Apples on Top* by Dr. Seuss
- *Each Peach Pear Plum* by Allan Ahlberg
- *The Runaway Bunny* by Margaret Wise Brown.

Phonics:

- letter sounds /l/, /c/, /m/, /b/, /o/, /t/, /a/, /s/, /j/, and /ph/
- print the letters L, C, M, B, O, T, A, S, and J

Vocabulary:

- Kindergarten class words
- Fruit words
- Animals words

Latin: Students will learn Latin vocabulary put to song and chants to help with pronunciation and memorization. This month, we will focus on the following vocabulary:

- Hello
- Goodbye
- Teacher
- Student
- Tell me what your name is
- My name is

History / Geography: Kindergarten students will embark upon an exciting trip around the world learning about all the continents while highlighting certain cities, animals, and traditions. This month, students will:

- Recognize that the Earth is the name of our world and the globe as a model of the Earth
- Identify all the continents of the world
- Find North America on the globe and map

JK – 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.

- Locate Canada on the map of the world
- Recognize the provinces of Canada and learn the Canada song

Mathematics: Students will learn to recognize and say their numbers through songs and chants and use various tactile means to practise proper number formation. This month, we will cover the following numbers:

- Counting 1 to 5
- Sequencing 1 to 5
- Identifying 1 to 5
- Printing 1 to 5

Science: This month in science, students will explore what science is and how we can see science in nature around us. Topics this month will include:

- What is science?
- Who is a scientist?
- Making an observation with plants
- Knowing the difference between dead and alive plants
- Discussing similarities and differences between apples
- Making a hypothesis: What will happen if we cut an apple in half and put lemon juice on one half?

Visual Arts: This month, students will explore colour through God's creation. Students will:

- Explore the colour wheel
- Create a flower garden colour wheel
- Learn about mixing colours
- Create a painting using apple stamps

Music: Music class is a time when children learn to express themselves through the art of music and explore the many forms of musical expression. This year, students will sing, chant, clap, play singing games, dance, play unpitched Orff instruments, and listen to great musical works. I am so excited to begin this journey with the Kindergarten class! In September, we will begin learning the basics of music such as:

- Singing versus speaking voice
- Vocal qualities
- Pulse
- High/low
- Listening: *Morning* from *The Pier Gynt Suite* by Grieg
- Instruments: the flute

Physical Education: Students will focus on having fun while learning skill-building activities. This month, topics are:

- Throwing bean bags and balls at a target
- Catching bean bags and balls with a partner
- Rolling balls to a partner
- Bouncing balls against a wall and catching them

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

Upcoming Events

September 5th - First Day of Classes

September 9th - Back to School Social at the Makarenko's – 12-2 p.m.

September 25th – Picture Day – Lifetouch

September 25th – Immunization for Grade 7 students (voluntary) –
York Region Public Health

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