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# 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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*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:** JKs will continue with the unit on understanding our need for God's love and the major Patriarchs in the Old Testament. At the end of the month, the JKs will learn how God's love saves Israel. This month, we will cover the following:

- Jacob
- Joseph
- Moses as a baby
- Moses and the burning bush
- Plagues
- Memory work: Colossians 1:1-2 "Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, to the saints and faithful brothers in Christ at Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father." ESV

**Language Arts:** This month's themes are: Fall and Remembrance Day. Students will be introduced to different letters and their sounds. With the use of various tactile means, songs, and chants, students will practice proper letter formation and pronunciation. This month, we will cover the following:

Literature: As stories are explored, students will listen for the phonemes /p/, /h/, /r/, /g/, /i/, /d/, /k/, /qu/, and /y/.  
Selections include:

- *Perfect Pumpkins* by Jeff Bauer
- *It's Pumpkin Time* by Zoe Hall
- *Flower Gardens* by Melvin and Gilda Berger
- *How Many Seeds?* By Monica Halpern
- *Fall is Here* by Pamela Jane
- *Autumn Days* by Ann Schweninger
- *A Poppy is to Remember* by Heather Patterson and Ron Lightburn
- *Bunny, The Brave Horse* by Elizabeth MacLeod
- *Crow Call* by Lois Lowry

Phonics: Letter sounds:

- /p/, /h/, /r/, /g/, /i/, /d/, /k/, /qu/, and /y/.

Penmanship: Students will practice the following letters:

- P, H, R, G, I, D, K, Qu, and Y.

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

- What is your name?
- My name is....
- Mother
- Father
- Brother
- Sister

**History / Geography:** JK students will embark on an exciting trip around the world learning about all the continents while highlighting certain cities, animals, and traditions. This month, students will learn about the following provinces and territories before they move on to explore South America:

- Northwest Territories
- Nunavut

## 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.

- Saskatchewan
- Yukon Territories
- Quebec

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

- Numbers to 10
- Counting and sequencing to 10
- Identifying and writing numbers to 10
- Printing numbers 8 -10
- Pairing sets with numbers
- Ordering by size, length and weight

**Science:** This month in science, students will explore trees! Through many hands-on experiences, students will study the life cycle of a tree. By participating in different science experiments, students will:

- Learn about the scientific method
- Explore the seasons
- Study the life cycle of a tree
- Learn about chlorophyll

**Visual Arts:** This month, students will continue to explore the element of colour. Using various tactile means, students will learn how to see monochromatic colours in landscapes. Students will:

- Explore colour through Remembrance Day poppy painting
- Examine monochromatic colours
- Learn about the works of Ted Harrison
- Begin our evergreen tree landscape painting

**Music:** In music class, students will continue to explore ranges and opposites in music as well as learn more about instruments and begin repertoire for Christmas. Lessons will include:

- Singing - types of vocalizing
- Pulses with stresses
- Rhythmic patterns
- Unpitched percussion
- Short/long sounds
- Christmas repertoire
- Instruments: Piano
- Listening: *March of the Toys* from *Babes in Toyland*

**Physical Education:** Students will continue to focus on having fun while learning skill-building activities. This month, skills include:

- Rolling large and small balls to a target
- Bouncing balls against the wall and catching
- Bouncing balls to a partner and catching
- Using scoops and balls to throw underhand and catching

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

## Upcoming Events

November 3 & 17 – Pizza Lunch

November 8 – Westminster Classical Academy Teachers Visit Our Classes

November 10 – Remembrance Day Chapel – Families invited to attend

November 24 – Term 1 Reports Go Home

November 30 – Parent Teacher Interview Night

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