

October 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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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: Kindergarten students will learn about the major Patriarchs in the Old Testament and their need for God's love and forgiveness. Bible stories include:

- Noah and the Ark
- The Tower of Babel
- Abraham
- Isaac
- Jacob

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: On the Farm, Fall, and Thanksgiving. Students will be introduced to different letters and their sound. 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 /j/, /n/, /z/, /f/, /x/, /w/, and /e/. Selections include:

- *Old MacDonald Had a Farm*
- *Papou's Garden* by Molly Cregar
- *Walk Through the Alphabet Garden* by Frances Shaine
- *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 Schweningen

Phonics: Letter sounds:

- /j/, /n/, /z/, /f/, /x/, /w/, and /e/

Penmanship: Students will practice the following letters:

- /J/, /N/, /Z/, /F/, /X/, /W/, and /E/

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:

- Hello
- Goodbye
- Teacher
- Student
- What is your name?
- My name is....

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.

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 learn about Canada's provinces:

- Manitoba
- Ontario
- Prince Edward Island
- New Brunswick
- Newfoundland
- Alberta

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:

- Identifying and writing numbers to 10
- Counting and sequencing to 10
- Ordering by size, length or weight

Science: This month in science, students will explore life on the farm! Through many hands-on experiences, students will explore the life cycles of pumpkins and corn. By participating in different science experiments, students will:

- Learn about the scientific method
- Learn about the life cycle of corn
- Learn about the life cycle of a pumpkin

Visual Arts: This month, students will continue to explore the element of colour. Using tactile means, students will learn how they can see warm and cool colours in the changing seasons. Students will:

- Explore warm and cool colours
- Explore the works of Pablo Picasso
- Participate in a leaf-rubbing project
- Create a fall scene using warm and cool colours.

Music: In music class, the kindergarten class will continue to sing and play games that will expose them to different elements of music. Students will explore:

- Pulse - recognize stressed beats
- Loud/soft
- Playing unpitched percussion instruments
- Instruments: the guitar
- Listening: *In the Hall of the Mountain King* by Grieg

Physical Education: Students will focus on having fun while learning skill-building activities. This month, students will engage in activities using balls such as:

- Rolling large and small balls to a partner
- Rolling large and small balls to a target
- Bouncing balls against the wall and catching it

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

Upcoming Events

October 4th – Parent Volunteer Info Session – 2:30 p.m.

October 5th – Exordium, Pizza Lunch & Curriculum Night

October 6th – PA Day – No School

October 9th – Thanksgiving Day – No School

October 12th – ACSI's World Concerns Day Conference (Gr. 7/8) - Philopateer

Christian College, Mississauga

October 19th – Cross Country (Gr. 3+) – Dagmar

October 20th – Pizza Lunch

October 26th – AMICA Visit (Gr. 1/2) & Walk Through History Day

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