

December 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 complete the unit begun in November exploring how God's love saved Israel. Later in the month, the focus will turn to Christmas and the events leading to the birth of Jesus Christ. Students will explore the following:

- The golden calf
- Zechariah's surprise
- Surprises for Mary and Joseph
- Bethlehem and the birth of Christ
- Shepherds
- Simeon and Anna
- The Wise Men
- Memory work: Colossians 1:1-3 "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. We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you." ESV

Language Arts: This month, Junior Kindergarten students will listen to stories and complete activities associated with the themes of winter and Christmas. They will continue to develop their phonics skills as they practice hearing, reading, and saying letters and their sounds. With the use of various tactile means, students will develop their fine motor skills and practice proper letter formation. As stories are explored, students will listen for targeted phonemes. The focus this month is:

Literature Selections:

- *Hooray for Snow* by Kazuo Iwamura
- *Little Owl in the Snow* by Christine Tagg
- *The Snowy Day* by Ezra Jack Keats
- *God Gave Us Christmas* by Lisa Bergren
- *The Christmas Story* by Carol Heyer
- *The First Night* by B.G. Hennessy
- *Christmas in a Barn* by Margaret Wise Brown

Phonics:

- Letter sounds: /u/, /v/, /c/, /l/, and /b/

Penmanship:

- U, V, c, l, b

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

- Boy
- Girl
- Man
- Woman

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: Junior Kindergarten students are traveling around the world learning about all the continents while highlighting certain cities, animals, and traditions. This month, students will learn about:

- South America
- Andes Mountains
- Animals of the mountains
- Pappas (grasslands)
- Gauchos

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, they will cover the following numbers:

- Ordering items by length
- Ordering items by weight
- Composing and decomposing numbers through 5

Science: This month in science, students will continue exploring trees with a focus on coniferous trees. Through many hands-on experiences, students will:

- Explore different types of coniferous trees
- Learn what affects the growth of a tree
- Learn about pine needles
- Discover interesting facts about pine cones and explore why they open

Visual Arts: This month, students will finish a unit on the element of colour and begin exploring the use of symmetry in art. Through a variety of tactile art projects, students will:

- Complete an evergreen tree landscape project
- Create a symmetrical Christmas tree
- Make their own Christmas ornament

Music: Students are very busy preparing for their Christmas concerts. This month, students will:

- Polish Christmas repertoire
- Participate in activities to develop choral skills
- Participate in activities to develop rhythmic skills

Physical Education: Students will continue to learn skill-building activities while developing good sportsmanship and having fun. This month, skills include:

- Using scoops and balls to throw underhand and catch
- Keeping a balloon in the air
- Hitting a balloon against the wall and catching it
- Using an oversized badminton racquet to strike a balloon and oversized shuttlecock

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

Upcoming Events

December 1 & 15 – Pizza Lunch

December 7 – Black Creek Pioneer Village Field Trip – All Grades

December 8 - Exordium

December 15 – Parent Morning – At the Fischers'

December 19 – AMICA Christmas Performance

December 21 – Innova Christmas Concert – Main Sanctuary

December 22 – Skating – Riverwalk Commons; noon dismissal at Riverwalk Commons

December 30 – Winter Social - NTR

December 25–January 5 – Christmas Break; classes resume January 8

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