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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: Kindergarten students will continue to grow in their understanding of how God chose and equipped people to lead the Israelites and how He was patient when the Israelites were disobedient. Later in the month, they will learn about people who showed their love for God. Students will discuss the following people:

- Gideon
- Samson
- Ruth and Naomi
- Samuel
- Saul, David, and Goliath
- Solomon

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 winter/snow and community. 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 on the following:

Literature Selections:

- *The Big Snow* by Berta and Elmer Hader
- *Days in Winter* by Vic Parker
- *The Big Snow* by Jonathan Bean
- *In the Snow* by Peggy Collins
- *Community Helpers Then and Now* by Bobbie Kalman
- *What is a Community* by Bobbie Kalman
- *Community Helpers from A to Z* by Bobbie Kalman
- *Construction Workers* by Quinn M. Arnold
- *Dentists* by Quinn M. Arnold
- *Farmers* by Quinn M. Arnold
- *Nurses* by Quinn M. Arnold
- *Teachers* by Quinn M. Arnold
- *Veterinarians* by Quinn M. Arnold

Phonics:

- Review all letter sounds learned

Penmanship:

- Lower case: *j, m, f, x, w, e, p, h, l, d, k, qu, y, u, and v*

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

- Boy
- Girl
- Man

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.

- Woman

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

- Antarctica
- Australia

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:

- Counting and ordering numbers from 0 – 10
- Using fingers and toes to count
- Same number and more
- Less than
- How many in all?

Science: This month in science, students will begin investigating God's living and non-living world. Through many hands-on experiences, students will explore rocks and sediments. Through participating in different science experiments, students will:

- Answer the question: What are non-living things like?
- Explore different kinds of rocks
- Investigate soil
- Conduct a sedimentary jar experiment

Visual Arts: This month, students will begin exploring the element of line. Through a variety of tactile art projects, students will:

- Explore Spanish Princess art
- Examine Katsushika Hokusai's "Tuning the Samisen"
- Explore types of lines in art: straight, zig-zag, curved, wavy, thick, thin.

Music: In music class in January, students will continue to expand their repertoire of songs. They will practice keeping the pulse and recognizing the difference between elements of music such as fast and slow or low and high. Junior kindergarten students will also learn about instruments and take part in active listening. Classes will include:

- Singing - pitch matching
- Showing and keeping pulses
- Distinguishing between same and different phrases
- Distinguishing between fast and slow
- Learning about the trumpet
- Listening: *The March of the Siamese Twins* from *The King and I*

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

- Travelling and responding to signals and changing modes
- Using hands to keep a balloon up in the air alone, with a partner, and in a group
- Using oversized racquets to hit and keep balloons up in the air

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

Upcoming Events

January 8 – Classes Resume – Welcome back from Christmas break!
January 12 & 26 – Pizza Lunch

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