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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 learn how people showed their love for God when the kingdom of Israel was divided and in exile. Students will discuss the following people and places:

- Elijah
- Elisha
- Hezekiah
- Assyrian threat
- Jonah
- Nineveh
- Israel's exile
- Daniel

Memory work: Colossians 1:1-5 "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, since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. Of this you have heard before in the word of the truth, the gospel." ESV

Language Arts: This month, Junior Kindergarten students will listen to stories and complete activities associated with the themes 100 days of school, Valentines Day, transportation, and bears. 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 include:

- *Transportation Then and Now* by Robin Nelson
- *All About Trains* by Leon Gray
- *Let's Talk About Vehicles* by Ronne Randall
- *The 100th Day of School* by Angela Shelf Medearis
- *Happy Valentine's Day Pooh* by Isabel Gaines
- *Valentine's Day is...* by Gail Gibbons
- *Happy Valentine's Day Charlie Brown* by Maggie Testa
- *Famous Bears* by Diana Star Helmer
- *Bears* by Thea Feldman,
- *Bears* by Elizabeth Carney
- *Polar Bears* by Norbert Rosing
- *Baby Bears* by Bookie Kalman

Phonics:

- Sounds: short /i/, short /u/, /ch/, /y/, /sh/, /aw/, /kw/, /oi/, /ks/, /ow/, long /u/ and syllables

Penmanship:

- Review all upper and lower-case letters
- Practice printing own name
- Copy three and four lettered words

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:

- Table
- Chair

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.

- Pencil
- Book

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:

- The continent of Europe
- Spain, England, France, and Ireland

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:

- Size and position
- Does it fit?
- Big and small things
- Positions (on top of, under, next to, beside, behind, in front of, inside, outside, between)
- Before and after
- Numbers 0 to 20
- Count, read and write numbers 10 – 20

Science: Students will continue learning about the health of their bodies. Students will also begin exploring different modes of transportation. Topics this month include:

- What is our skin for?
- How does eating help our bodies?
- Safety rules are important for pedestrians
- Ways of getting around the neighbourhood
- Staying safe in cars and buses
- Trucks, trains, sea transportation and air transportation

Visual Arts: Students will continue exploring the element of line in visual arts. Through various hands on experiences, students will participate in the following art projects:

- Snowflake line art
- Heart string art
- Pipe cleaner sculptures
- Button weaving

Music: Students will continue to practice their skills with unpitched percussion and singing. This month, there will be a stronger emphasis on pitch matching, keeping a steady pulse, and understanding rhythmic notation. More specifically, we will explore:

- Half notes and half rests
- Good singing tone and correct pitch matching
- Rhythmic patterns on unpitched percussion instruments
- The violin
- Listening: Saint-Saens' *Carnival of the Animals*

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

- Stability and balancing (with and without beanbags)
- Moving and freezing into interesting shapes and poses
- Walking on a straight line
- Balancing through an obstacle course (hula hoops, mats, pylons)

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

Upcoming Events

February 2 – Exordium **AND** Non-Uniform Day **AND** Pasta Lunch **AND** Grade 8 Visit Day
February 6 – TSO Field Trip – Grades 3-8
February 9 – Pizza Lunch
February 16 – PA Day – No School
February 19 – Family Day – No School
February 22 – 7/8 Boys' Basketball Tournament (TDB)
February 23 – In-School Speech Meet **AND** Pizza Lunch
February 26 – Reports Sent Home
February 27 – 7/8 Girls' Basketball Tournament (TDB)

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