

March 2018

# 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

Memory work: Psalm 25: 1 – 3a "To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul. O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame; let not my enemies exult over me. Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame." ESV

**Language Arts:** This month, Junior Kindergarten students will listen to stories and complete activities associated with the themes Bears, Lions, and Easter. 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:

- *Famous Bears* by Helmer, Diana Star
- *Bears* by Feldman, Thea
- *Bears* by Carney, Elizabeth
- *Polar Bears* by Rosing, Norbert
- *Baby Bears* by Kalman, Bookie
- *Lions* by Franks, Katie
- *Lions* by Sky, Amy
- *Lion Rescue* by Blewett, Ashley
- *When Lions Roar* by Harris, Robbie
- *Daniel and the Lion's Den*
- *Easter Story* by Wildsmith, Brian
- *Story of Easter* by Fisher, Aileen

Phonics:

- Sounds: short /u/, /oi/, /ks/, /ow/, long /u/, /ow/, and long /oo/

Penmanship:

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

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

- House
- Door
- Wall
- Window

## 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 travelling around the world learning about all the continents while highlighting certain cities, animals, and traditions. This month, students will learn about:

- England
- 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:

- Count, read and write numbers 10 – 20
- Solid shapes
- Flat shapes in solid shapes
- Drawing flat shapes
- Flat shape pictures
- Shape patterns

**Science:** Students will begin learning about God's creation through our themed animal units on bears and lions. This month, students will explore:

- The characteristics of bears
- Hibernation
- Honey tasting
- Where lions live
- Carnivores
- The lion's mane

**Visual Arts:** Students will learn about the art of weaving. Using various tactile means, students will explore:

- Button weaving
- Circle weaving
- Lion lines
- Easter line art

**Music:** In March, students will continue to refine their mallet technique and continue to practice rhythms on the Orff instruments. They will also begin a unit on orchestra instruments and what they sound like. More specifically, they will work on:

- Rhythmic notation
- Percussion instruments of the orchestra
- Listening: William Tell Overture
- Solfege Scale
- Spring concert repertoire

**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:

- Balancing through an obstacle course (hula hoops, mats, pylons)
- Personal safety
- Injury prevention

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

## Upcoming Events

March 1 – ACSI Public Speaking Festival – Mississauga AND Parent-Teacher Interviews  
March 2 – Exordium AND Pizza Lunch  
March 5-16 – March Break – No School  
March 19 – Classes Resume  
March 23 – Pizza Lunch  
March 29 – Pasta Lunch  
March 30 & April 2 – Good Friday & Easter Monday – No School

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