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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 about Jesus' ministry and the parables He told to teach people about God's kingdom. Students will learn about:

- Zacchaeus
- The Samaritan Woman
- Mary and Martha
- The Good Samaritan
- The Midnight Friend
- The Great Banquet
- The Lost Sheep and the Lost Coin
- The Lost Son
- The Good Shepherd
- The Pharisees and the Tax Collector
- The Sower and the Seed
- The Wise and Foolish Builders

Memory Verses: John 14:6 Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me". ESV

Matthew 7:7 "Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you." ESV

Language Arts: This month, Junior Kindergarten students will listen to stories and complete activities associated with the themes zebras, Mother's Day, birds, and insects. 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:

- *Zebras* by Sandra Markle
- *Savanna Showdown* by Kristin Earhart
- *Bye-bye Bottles, Zebra* by Michael Dahl
- *Spot the Zebra at the Zoo* by Alexandra Koken
- *T. Rex and the Mother's Day Hug* by Lois G. Gambling
- *Mother's Mother's Day* by Alyssa Capucilli
- *Mother's Day* by Ann Heinrichs
- *Birds* by Julie Beer
- *Baby Birds* by Bobbie Kalman
- *Hooray for Birds* by Lucy Cousins
- *My Beautiful Birds* by Suzanne Del Rizzo
- *Insects* by Libby Romero
- *Weird Insects* by Michael Worek
- *Fly Guy Presents: Insects* by Tedd Arnold
- *Twig* by Aura Parker
- *Bug Zoo* by Andy Harkness

Phonics:

- Sounds for letters: *l, n, p, r, o, d, g, k, i, qu, z,* and *v.*
- Review long and short vowel sounds

Penmanship:

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

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.

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

- Sit, all sit
- Rise, all rise
- Write, all write
- Repeat, all repeat

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:

- Russia
- Italy
- Asia
- China

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:

- Ordinal Numbers
 - Vocabulary: First, second, third, before, next, last, after
- Counting Backwards from 10 and 20
- Patterns
 - Recognize a pattern unit/rule
 - Complete patterns
 - Create patterns
- Sorting objects with
 - 1 attribute
 - 2 attributes

Science: This month in science, students will begin our STEM program. Through various tactile experiences, students will focus on the engineering design process through sturdy building designs. Topics covered this month include:

- Building a playground structure
- Engineering principles such as gears and levers

Visual Arts: This month in art, students will continue their unit on sculptures. Students will also begin exploring the art of self portraits. Topics this month include:

- Mobile creation using natural elements
- Mother's Day gifts
- Pablo Picasso
- Picasso self- portraits

Music: Junior Kindergarten students are very busy preparing for the Innova spring concert on May 17th. Some of the concepts learned through their spring repertoire include:

- Rhythm
- Pitch
- Dynamics
- Choral skills

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

- Learn the importance of healthy eating
- Identify simple body parts (e.g. arms, legs, nose, chin, etc.)
- Play cooperative and organizational games

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

Upcoming Events

- May 4 – Exordium – Parents Welcome **AND** Pizza Lunch
- May 7 – Science Fair – Gym
- May 10 – Shape Event with Lee Strobel – Main Sanctuary
- May 11 – Pastors' Appreciation Breakfast
- May 16 – York Immunization Clinic (Gr. 7)
- May 17 – Spring Concert and Art Exhibit – Main Sanctuary
- May 18 – Mission Trip to the Dominican (Gr. 7/8) **AND** Pizza Lunch
- May 23 – Zoo Field Trip (JK-Gr. 2)
- May 29 – Track and Field (Gr. 7/8) – Centennial Park
- May 31 – Track and Field (Gr. 3-6) – Centennial Park

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