

June 2018

The Month Ahead

At Innova



Junior Kindergarten
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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.



Samantha Jung
Teacher

Junior and Senior
Kindergarten

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: Junior Kindergarten students will continue to learn about the parables Jesus told to teach about God's kingdom and God's love for His church. Students will discuss the following:

- The Good Shepherd
- The Pharisee and the tax collector
- The sower and the seed
- The wise and foolish builders
- Pentecost
- Peter heals a crippled beggar
- Peter escapes from prison
- Philip and the Ethiopian
- Saul's conversion
- Paul begins his journey

Memory Verses: Matthew 28:19-20 "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you." ESV

Language Arts: This month, Junior Kindergarten students will listen to stories and complete activities associated with the themes insects (begun in May) and Father's Day. 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:

- *Insects* by Libby Romero
- *Insects* by Barbara Taylor
- *Weird Insects* by Michael Worek
- *You Wouldn't Want to Live Without Insects* by Anne Rooney
- *Twig* by Aura Parker
- *What Ladybird Heard on Holiday* by Julia Donaldson
- *Super Bugs* by Michelle Meadows
- *Father's Day* by Anne Heinrichs
- *A Wild Father's Day* by Sean Callahan

Phonics:

- Sounds for letters: o, d, g, k, v, l, qu, z, short a
- Review long and short vowel sounds
- Recognize vowels and consonants

Penmanship:

- Review and practice all upper and lowercase letters
- Practice printing name
- Copy words from literature and phonics

Latin: Students will continue to learn Latin vocabulary put to songs and chants to help with pronunciation and memorization. This month, they will review the following vocabulary that has been learned so far this year:

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.

- Greeting words
- Making friends
- How are you? I am....
- Family members: mother, father, sister, brother
- Girl, boy, man, women
- Table, chair, 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:

- Asia
- Japan
- India

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 explore the following:

- Measurement
- Comparing weights
- Comparing capacities
- Comparing events in time

Science: Students will explore God's beauty through the study of insects. Through the scientific process, students will explore:

- The butterfly lifecycle
- Bees
- Cross-pollination

Visual Arts: This month in art, students will complete their studies by examining symmetry in art. Students will:

- Explore lines of symmetry in objects
- Create symmetrical butterflies
- Create a Father's Day craft

Music: June is primarily a review month for Junior Kindergarten students. Students will engage in all the areas of music they learned throughout the year in the form of games and musical activities. They will also explore music history and critical listening. Topics will include:

- Opposites review (high/low, loud/soft, short/long)
- Solfege singing
- Rhythm syllables
- The musical alphabet
- G4 and C4 on the staff
- Critical listening

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:

- Cooperative and Organizational Games
- Review of catching, throwing, and kicking

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

Upcoming Events

June 1 and 14 – Pizza Lunch

June 5-12 – Dominican Republic Mission Trip

June 8 – Battle of the Books (at Innova) AND Pasta Lunch

June 16 – Family Picnic – At the Makarenkos'

June 18 – Nobility Day

June 19 – Last Day of Class – Noon Dismissal – Term 3 Reports Go Home AND Grade 8 Graduation

June 20-22 – PA Days - ACCS Conference for Administration

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