

September 2018

The Month Ahead

At Innova



Senior 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.



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Senior Kindergarten is a time of magical growth where children learn foundational knowledge and skills to develop a life-long love of learning. 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: Senior kindergarten students will begin their study of Scripture with an introduction to the love and majesty of God. This month, topics include:

- Beginning of the World
- Creation
- The Fall
- Noah

Memory verse: Genesis 1:1-4a "In the beginning, God created the heavens and earth. The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. And God said, "Let there be light." And there was light. And God saw that the light was good." (ESV)

Language Arts: Each month, students will explore stories, poems, songs, chants, and hands-on activities related to the monthly themes. This month's themes are: *Welcome to Kindergarten and the Five Senses*. Literature selections include *First Day of School* by Anne Rockwell, *It's Your First Day of School* by Nancy Carlstro, and *My Five Senses* literature kit. During daily read-aloud time, students will enjoy listening to the novel *The Bobbsey Twins* by Laura Lee Hope. Using various tactile means as well as songs and chants, students will:

- Review and practice letters and their sounds
- Practice proper letter formation and pronunciation
- Discuss the story elements of character and setting
- Make predictions before and during reading
- Review all single-letter sounds and the digraphs /sh/, /th/, /wh/, and /ch/
- Learn kindergarten class words
- Learn vocabulary related to their five sense

World Cultures and Geography: Senior kindergarten students will embark upon an exciting journey around the world. This unit will give children a basic understanding of geography and where they live in relation to the world. Students will:

- Learn what positional words are and how to use them to locate something
- Learn how to make a map using simple map symbols
- Learn what a globe is and how it's different from a map
- Draw a map of their classroom
- Make a city using blocks

Mathematics: This month in mathematics, students will begin exploring numbers using various hands-on manipulatives, songs, and chants. Topics this month include:

- Reviewing numbers up to 10

SK – 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.

- Writing numbers up to 10
- Matching objects with numbers
- Looking for and describing similarities and differences
- Learning more than, less than, and the same

Science: Your child's natural curiosity will be fostered as they investigate what science is and begin to explore their five senses. They will enjoy engaging in a variety of science activities and experiments related to their senses. Students will explore the following questions:

- What is science?
- What is a scientist?
- What does a scientist do?
- What are our five senses?

Visual Arts: This month, students will be introduced to line art and the difference between 2-dimensional artwork and sculptures. Students will:

- Learn the different types of lines
- Learn to draw different types of lines
- Create 2-dimensional and 3-dimensional artwork using different types of lines

Music: Music class is a time when children learn to express themselves through the art of music and explore the many forms of musical expression. I am so excited to begin this journey with the senior kindergarten class! In September, we will begin learning the basics of music including the following:

- Singing voice vs. speaking voice
- Pulse
- High/low
- Listening - *Syncopated Clock* by Leroy Anderson
- Instruments: strings

Physical Education: During physical education time, students will have opportunities to develop spatial awareness, balance, and coordination using their bodies and a variety of equipment. Throughout the year, students are led to develop good sportsmanship while playing games with their classmates. This month, topics are:

- Bouncing a ball
- Bouncing and catching a ball
- Travelling while bouncing a ball
- Bouncing a ball to a partner

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

Upcoming Events

September 4 - First Day of Classes

September 8 - Back to School Social at the Makarenko's – 12-2 p.m.

September 24th – Picture Day – Lifetouch AND

Gr. 7 Immunization Clinic – York Region Public Health

September 25th – ACSI Coed Soccer (Gr. 4-6) - Stouffville

September 27th – Community Safety Village Field Trip (JK-2)

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