

October 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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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 learn about God's family and that they are His precious children. This month, students will discuss the following people:

- Abraham
- Isaac
- Jacob
- Joseph

Memory verse: Genesis 28:15 "Behold, I am with you and will keep you wherever you go and will bring you back to this land. For I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." (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 autumn, apples, and Thanksgiving. Literature selections include *Apples* by C. Llewellyn, *Let's Pick Apples* by Jenne Simon, *Fall* by Victoria Parker, *Thanksgiving Turkeys* by Patrick Merrick. 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 all single-letter sounds and the digraphs /sh/, /th/, /wh/, and /ch/
- Practice proper letter formation
- Write about a variety of topics in a journal
- Discuss the story elements of the main character and setting
- Sequence and retell a story
- Learn vocabulary related to autumn, apples, and Thanksgiving.

World Cultures and Geography: Students will continue their exploration of God's world. This month, they will learn about the oceans, continents, what country they live in, and Canada's location on a map and globe. Students will then focus on the continent of Africa. Students will:

- Understand what continents and oceans are and identify them on a map and globe
- Identify Canada on a map and globe
- Locate Africa on a globe
- Know that a desert is a dry area, usually covered with sand
- Know that the Sahara is a large desert in Africa and locate it on the map
- Describe an oasis as a place in the desert where things can grow because there is water

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.

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
- Writing numbers up to 10
- Pairing number names with numerals
- Pairing numbers with sets of objects
- Ordering objects by size, length, or weight

Science: This month in science, students will investigate topics about autumn. Students will do a variety of activities and experiments including picking leaves and observing details in pumpkins. Questions explored include:

- Where do apples come from?
- In which season are apples ready to pick and eat?
- What are the different kinds of apples
- What happens to the leaves in the autumn?
- What are the parts of a leaf?

Visual Arts: This month, students will learn about primary and secondary colours and complete their 2D and 3D art pieces by adding colour. Students will:

- Mix primary colours to create secondary colours
- Create and paint 2D and 3D art projects with primary and secondary colours

Music: In music, the JK/SK class will continue to sing and play games that will expose them to different elements of music such as:

- Pulse - recognize stressed beats
- Loud/Soft
- Unpitched percussion
- Instruments: guitar
- Listening: *Anitra's Dance* by Grieg

Physical Education: During physical education time, students 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, activities include:

- Rolling large and small balls to develop aim and appropriate speed
- Rolling to a target
- Playing rolling games

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

Upcoming Events

October 4 – Exordium AND Curriculum Night – At Innova

October 5 – PA Day – No School for Students

October 8 – Thanksgiving Day – No School

October 10 – Parent Volunteer Information Session – South Sanctuary at 9:15 a.m.

October 12 & 26 – Pizza Lunch

October 15 – Fair Glen Overnight Retreat (Gr. 5-9)

October 16 – Fair Glen Field Trip (Gr. 3-9)

October 18 – Cross Country Meet – Dagmar Ski Resort

October 31 – Walk Through History Day

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