

November 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:** In senior kindergarten, the overarching theme is God's care and love for His people. The Old Testament stories introduce students to biblical characters in a way that shows how God displayed His love and care for His people. This month, topics include:

- Miriam
- Moses and the ten commandments
- The Tabernacle
- Feasts of Booths
- The Promised Land
- Hannah and Samuel
- David's songs and prayers, David and Goliath, David as king

Memory verse: Deuteronomy 30:16 "If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I command you today, by loving the Lord your God, ... and keeping his statutes and his rules, ... the Lord your God will bless you in the land you are entering." (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: *apples, Remembrance Day, and the seasons*. Literature selections include *Let's Pick Apples* by Jenne Simon, *Remembrance Day* by Molly Aloian, and *The Four Seasons* by Annie Jones. 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
- Write and copy sentences into a journal
- Practice proper letter formation
- Discuss the story elements of point of view, setting, and characters
- Retell and sequence stories
- Review all single-letter sounds highlighting *i, qu, z, a, e, u, w,* and *x*
- Learn vocabulary related to apples, Remembrance Day and the four seasons

**World Cultures and Geography:** As we continue our tour of the world, students will explore Africa and China. Learning objectives for this month include:

- Locating Africa on a globe
- Recognizing a savanna as grassland
- Identifying two characteristics of a rain forest
- Locating the Congo River on a map of Africa
- Knowing that some Africans live in villages and some live in cities
- Recognizing some differences between a village and a city
- Locating Asia on a globe
- Knowing that China is a country in Asia

## 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 to explore numbers using various hands-on manipulatives, songs, and chants. Topics this month include:

- Composing and decomposing numbers up to 10
- Writing numbers up to 10
- Recognizing the terms fewer than, how many in all, same number or more
- Investigating the concept of big, small, bigger, smaller, and same size
- Understanding positional words before and after

**Science:** This month in science, students will explore the seasons, weather, magnets, and shadows. They will work on various hands-on activities and experiments to learn about:

- The four seasons in Canada
- How the sun affects the seasons
- Different kinds of weather
- Magnets
- How shadows are made

**Visual Arts:** This month, students will learn about different cultural art types and styles. Our artwork will showcase the continent of Africa. Projects will include the following:

- Cultural masks
- Instruments
- Jewelry

**Music:** In music class, the kindergarten students will continue to explore ranges and opposites in music as well as learn more about instruments. They will continue to develop choral skills as they begin repertoire for Christmas. Lessons will include:

- Singing - types of vocalizing
- Pulses with stresses
- Rhythmic patterns
- Unpitched percussion
- Short/long sounds
- Christmas repertoire
- Instruments: the piano
- Listening: *Fantasia on Greensleeves* by Ralph Von Williams

**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's topics include:

- Rolling games
- Underhand and overhand throwing using large balls
- Underhand throwing and catching to a partner and against the wall

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

## Upcoming Events

- November 1 – Walk Through History Day – Parents Welcome at 8:30 a.m.
- November 7 – Remembrance Day Chapel – Parents Welcome
- November 9 – Pizza Lunch AND Interim Reports Go Home
- November 15 – Interim Parent/Teacher Check In
- November 20 – Prayer Meeting – Parents Welcome in Room A at 8:30 a.m.
- November 23 – Pizza Lunch
- November 30 – Exordium – Parents Welcome

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