

June 2019

# 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:** In Senior Kindergarten, the overarching theme is God's care and love for His people. The Old Testament stories introduce students to biblical characters and events in a way that shows how God displayed his love, care, and protection. This month, students will focus on some key teaching from the New Testament, including:

- Paul's journey and teaching about Jesus
- The Lord's Prayer
- The greatest commandment
- Giving thanks
- Caring for others
- Memory Verse: Luke 10:27 "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind and love your neighbour as yourself."

**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: Father's Day, ocean life, and zoo animals. Literature selections include, *The Foolish Rabbit*, *The Story of Chicken Little*, and *The Honest Woodsman*. During daily read-aloud time, students will finish listening to the novel *Alice in Wonderland* by Lewis Carroll and begin a new novel, *Stuart Little* by E.B. White. Using various tactile means as well as songs and chants, students will:

- Compose and create journal entries independently
- Spell words from dictation
- Review all letter sounds, focusing on ending consonant blends *sk, st, nt, and nch*
- Focus on beginning consonant blends *bl, cl, fl, gl, pl, sl, br, cr, dr, fr, gr, pr, and tr*
- Review sentence structures
- Review cursive letters *i, j, p, and r*
- Explore character actions and plot
- Learn vocabulary related to ocean life, Father's Day, and zoo animals

**World Cultures and Geography:** This month, students will learn about community and how God wants us as His children to love and care for each other in the Christian community. Students will:

- Learn about various places in a community
- Learn about community helpers and what they do
- Explore ways we can help our community

# 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.

- Discuss ways to reach out to others who do not know Christ
- Know that we should not forsake meeting together as believers in Christ and we should live together in love and unity

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

- Numbers 0 – 100
- Measurement with non-standards units for weight, height, and capacity
- Addition stories up to 10
- Subtraction stories involving how many more and how many are left

**Science:** This month in science, students will explore fun hands-on experiments and review the theme of oceans and zoo animals. Topics include:

- Air compression in the cloud experiment
- Air power in the balloon racer experiment
- Chemical reactions in the balloon pop experiment
- Chemical reactions in the Diet Coke explosion experiment
- Review oceans and zoo animals

**Visual Arts:** This month, our artwork will highlight Father's Day and various helpers in our local communities. Our projects will include the following:

- Community helpers
- Father's Day gift

**Music:** June is primarily a review month for Senior Kindergarten students. Students will cover all areas of music learned throughout the year in the form of musical games and activities. Topics include:

- Opposites review (high/low, loud/soft, short/long etc.)
- Solfege singing
- Rhythm syllables
- Musical genres
- Critical listening

**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 focus includes:

- Travelling with hula hoops
- Balancing skills

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

## Upcoming Events

- June 3 – AMICA Presentation (JK-2)
- June 4 – Prayer Meeting in Room A at 8:30 a.m. – Parents Welcome AND Lunch Lady Lunch
- June 6 – Spring Concert/Musical & Art Show – 6:30-8:30 p.m.
- June 7 – Pizza Lunch
- June 10 – Green Acres Field Trip (JK-2)
- June 11 – Lunch Lady Lunch
- June 15 – End of Year Picnic at the Makarenkos' – 12-2:00 p.m.
- June 18 - Last Day of Classes (noon dismissal) Reports Sent Home AND Grade 8 Graduation

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