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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 to show how God displayed His love. Students will grow in their understanding that God loves and cares for them just as He did for His people in the Old Testament. This month, topics include:

- Ascension
- Pentecost
- Philip
- Peter
- Paul
- The Lord's Prayer
- The Greatest Commandment
- Giving thanks
- Caring for others
- Memory Verses: Luke 24:48 "You are witness of these things." And 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: Mother's Day, ocean life, and zoo animals. Literature selections include, *Tikki Tikki Tembo* by Arlene Mosel, *The Story of Chicken Little*, and *The Foolish Rabbit*. 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 copy journal entries based on a prompt
- Spell words from dictation
- Understand and construct compound words
- Review all letter sounds, focusing on ending consonant blends *lp*, *lt*, *mp*, and *sp*
- Review sentence structures
- Review cursive letters *b*, *e*, *l*, *f*, *h*, and *k*
- Explore characters, actions, and plot
- Make predictions before and during reading based on characters' words and actions
- Learn vocabulary related to ocean life, Mother's Day, and zoo animals

Culture/Geography: As we continue our tour of the world, students are learning about different cultures and how God made all the nations distinct. This month, students will focus on our community. Students will:

- Understand that the nations have different kinds of people
- Know that God loves all people and it is His desire that all be saved according to 1 Timothy 2:4

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.

- Learn that different cultures have different cultural clothing, homes, arts, food, toys, and traditions
- Explore our community
- Recognize that people in our community may come from different countries
- Learn about various places in a community

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

- Numbers 0 – 100
- Classifying and sorting objects with three attributes
- Addition stories up to 10
- Subtraction stories, calculating how many more and how many are left

Science: This month in science, students will explore rainbows, ocean life, butterflies, and zoo animals. We are excited to have caterpillars in the classroom and observe the lifecycle of the Painted Lady Butterfly! Students will do various hands-on activities and experiments and learn about:

- Rainbows (Skittles rainbow experiment and colour mixing to make rainbows)
- Oceans and animals that live in the ocean (Ocean in a bottle experiment)
- Different kinds of zoo animals
- Jesus is the Lion of Judah

Visual Arts: This month, students will learn about different cultural art types and styles. Our artwork will showcase ocean life, Mother's Day and zoo animals. Our projects will include the following:

- Making different types of fish
- Mother's Day project
- Ocean scenes

Music: The Junior Kindergarten students are busy preparing for the upcoming spring concert on June 6th. Some of the concepts learned through their spring repertoire include:

- The families of the orchestra
- Listening: Selections from *The Carnival of the Animals* by Camille Saint-Saëns
- Good singing tone and correct pitch matching

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:

- Travelling in patterns
- Travelling using different body parts
- Walking relay races using letters and numbers
- Travelling animals
- Travelling around and over pylons

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

Upcoming Events

- May 2 – Math Olympics – Mississauga Christian Academy
- May 3 – Exordium – Parents Welcome
- May 7 – Prayer Meeting in Room A at 8:30 a.m. – Parents Welcome
- May 7, 14, 21, 28 – Lunch Lady Lunch
- May 10 – Parent Morning AND Pizza Lunch
- May 20 – Victoria Day – No School
- May 21 – Battle of the Books (Gr. 4-8) – Innova
- May 24 – Pizza Lunch
- May 28 – Track and Field (Gr. 7/8) – Centennial Stadium
- May 29-31 – Camping Trip (Gr. 9)
- May 30 – Track and Field (Gr. 4-6) – Centennial Stadium AND Grad Night (Gr. 7/8)

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