

March 2020

# 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. Students will learn that God's plans for the world includes all nations. This month, topics include:

- Jesus' Ministry
- Baptism
- Disciples
- Jesus and His People

Memory verses: Matthew 19:14 "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for such belongs the kingdom of heaven."

John 14:6 "Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.'

**Culture/Geography:** Students will learn about Canada and various aspects of Canadian culture. This month, students will:

- Learn about the Inuit living in the Arctic
- Locate Canada on a map
- Memorize facts about Canadian geography
- Discover that people in Canada speak English and French
- Learn about the Quebec Winter Carnival

**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: spring, elephants and monkeys. Literature selections include, *Spring by Saviour Pirota*, *Spring by Victoria Parker*, *Spring by Harriet Brundle*, *Elephants by Katie Franks*, *Monkeys by Clarie Throp*. 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
- Learn about story structure, memorize vocabulary, understand the role of author and illustrator, make predictions, and identify the beginning, middle, and end of a story
- Review all single letter sounds, beginning consonant blends, and word endings
- Memorize sight words: even, look, gone, love, very, some

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

- Numbers 0 – 100 counting out loud
- Read and write numbers 0-20
- Count by 2s, 5s, and 10s
- Comparing sets and collections
- Addition to 10

**Science:** This month in science, students will learn about body parts and nutrition. They will complete various hands-on activities and experiments and learn about:

- Body Systems- muscular, digestive, nervous, respiratory, circular
- Healthy eating

**Art:** In art, students will draw animals using simple shapes. They will also start on their sunset seascape tempera painting on canvas. Students will work on the following elements of design:

- Line
- Shape
- Colour

**Music:** In March, students will continue to refine their mallet technique and continue to practice rhythms on the Orff instruments. They will also begin a unit on orchestra instruments and recognize what they sound like. More specifically, they will work on:

- Rhythmic notation
- Percussion instruments of the orchestra
- Listening: William Tell Overture
- Solfege Scale
- Spring concert repertoire

**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:

- Developing kicking/dribbling skills by travelling with a bean bag or small ball through a circuit
- Spatial awareness while travelling, listening to signals, and changing modes.

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

## Upcoming Events

March 2 – ACSI Public Speaking Festival - Mississauga

March 2-6 – House Basketball Intramurals (Gr. 5-10) – South Campus

March 4 – Royal Ontario Museum (Gr. 3/4 and 9/10)

March 9-20 – March Break – No School

March 24 – Toronto Symphony Orchestra (Gr. 5-10) – Roy Thomson Hall

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