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# The Month Ahead At Innova

Jessica has earned her Bachelor of Arts Honours in Contemporary studies with a Minor in Geography and Religion at Wilfrid Laurier University and has successfully completed the Nipissing Concurrent Education program. While completing her education, Jessica has had many classroom experiences that include teaching in Ecuador in the Amazon Rainforest. Jessica had never heard of classical Christian education until she heard about Innova Academy. As a new teacher graduate, she was very curious about classical Christian education and did some research. Jessica found an instant fascination with the rigours in the classical styles of teaching. Jessica continues to enjoy her teaching time at Innova Academy and is excited to influence the hearts and minds of her students. Jessica is married to Tim, loves to travel, and has a passion for music, art, and drama.



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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:** SKs will continue with the unit on understanding our need for God's love and the major Patriarchs in the Old Testament. At the end of the month, the SKs will learn how God's love saves Israel. This month, we will cover the following:

- Jacob
- Joseph
- Moses as a Baby
- Moses and the Burning Bush
- Plagues
- Memory work: Colossians 1:1-2 "Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, to the saints and faithful brothers in Christ at Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father." ESV

**Language Arts:** This month's themes are Fall and Remembrance Day. Students will be introduced to beginning diagraphs and continue to review letter sounds. With the use of various tactile means, songs, and chants, students will practice proper sentence structure, listen for rhyming words, and begin identifying diagraphs. This month, we will cover the following:

**Literature:** As literature is explored, students will continue to identify story elements and rhyming words. Students will also begin reflecting on literature read. This month's stories include:

- *The Little Scarecrow Boy* by Margaret Wise Brown
- *A Poppy is to Remember* by Heather Patterson and Ron Lightburn
- *Four Seasons Make a Year* by Anne Rockwell
- *All Around the Seasons* by Barney Saltzberg

**Phonics and Reading:** This month, students will continue learning basic diagraphs. Topics include:

- The sounds: /oo/, /ow/.
- The sounds for letters: a, m, s, t, b, f, c, h, j, l, n, p, r, o, d, g, k, v, o, d, g, k, v
- Rhyming words
- Sounds and syllables
- Blends
- Identifying vowels and consonants
- Learning dolche sight words

**Writing:** Students will continue practicing proper letter formation and begin to write simple sentences. Topics this month include:

- Proper letter formation of Gg, Hh, Ii, Jj
- Dictionary writing
- Journal writing
- Writing complete sentences with capitals and periods

**Vocabulary:** Students will continue to learn about fall and Remembrance Day vocabulary by using vocabulary words in both speech and writing. Vocabulary words this month will include:

- Soldier, war, poppy, memorial, medal, honour, fall, chlorophyll, seasons, harvest, nut, leaves, scarecrow

**Latin:** Students will learn Latin vocabulary put to song and chants to help with pronunciation and memorization. This month, we will review the following vocabulary:

- What is your name?
- My name is....
- Mother
- Father
- Brother
- Sister
- Baby

## 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.

**History / Geography:** SK students will embark on an exciting trip around the world learning about all the continents while highlighting certain cities, animals, and traditions. This month, students will learn about the following provinces and territories before they move on to explore South America:

- Northwest Territories
- Nunavut
- Saskatchewan
- Yukon Territories
- Quebec

**Mathematics:** In mathematics, students will use a multitude of hands on learning experiences with many manipulatives to complete their money unit. Next, students will begin to explore how to tell time. Topics this month will include:

- Buying items with pennies, dimes and nickels
- Creating our class store with pricing signage and customer service
- Identifying time to the hour
- Showing time to the hour on a clock
- Showing time to the half hour on a clock

**Science:** This month in science, students will explore trees! Through many hands-on experiences, students will study the life cycle of a tree. By participating in different science experiments, students will:

- Learn about the scientific method
- Explore the seasons
- Study the life cycle of a tree
- Learn about chlorophyll

**Visual Arts:** This month, students will continue to explore the element of colour. Using various tactile means, students will learn to how to see monochromatic colours in landscapes. Students will:

- Explore colour through Remembrance Day poppy painting
- Examine monochromatic colours
- Learn about the works of Ted Harrison
- Begin our evergreen tree landscape painting

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

- Singing - types of vocalizing
- Pulses with stresses
- Rhythmic patterns
- Unpitched percussion
- Short/long sounds
- Christmas repertoire
- Instruments: Piano
- Listening: *March of the Toys* from *Babes in Toyland*

**Physical Education:** Students will continue to focus on having fun while learning skill-building activities. This month, skills include:

- Rolling large and small balls to a target
- Bouncing balls against the wall and catching
- Bouncing balls to a partner and catching
- Using scoops and balls to throw underhand and catching

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

## Upcoming Events

November 3 & 17 – Pizza Lunch

November 8 – Westminster Classical Academy Teachers Visit Our Classes

November 10 – Remembrance Day Chapel – Families invited to attend

November 24 – Term 1 Reports Go Home

November 30 – Parent Teacher Interview Night

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