

October 2017

The Month Ahead

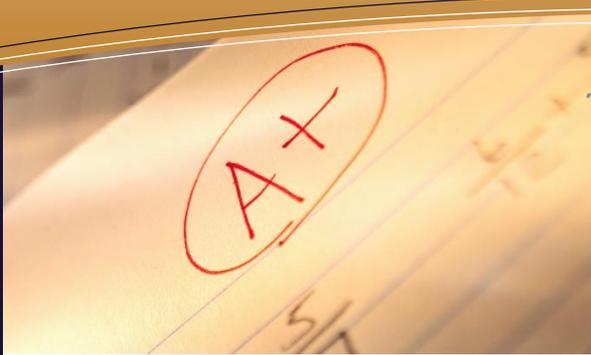
At Innova

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: Kindergarten students will learn about the major Patriarchs in the Old Testament and their need for God's love and forgiveness. Bible stories include:

- Noah and the Ark
- The Tower of Babel
- Abraham
- Isaac
- Jacob

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, students will complete a farm unit and begin a fall and Thanksgiving unit. Using various tactile means, songs, and chants, students will review and practice different letters and their sounds, proper pronunciation, and correct letter formation. As students explore the literature selections they will learn about the story elements of problems and solutions. Students will also practice searching for adjectives throughout the literature.

Literature:

- *The Three Little Pigs*
- *Chicken Little* by Mara Alprin
- *The Little Red Hen*
- *How Many Seeds?* by Monica Halpern
- *Red Leaf, Yellow Leaf, Autumn Leaf*

Phonics and Reading:

- Practice the sounds: /l/, /u/, /ch/, /y/, /sh/, /aw/, /kw/, /oi/, /u/, /ks/, /oo/, /ow/
- Learn and practice syllables

Writing:

- Write simple sentences and the use of capitals and periods
- Create a personal dictionary
- Practice good penmanship in all written work

Vocabulary:

- Explore different fall and kitchen words
- Learn about basic adjectives that describe people, places, and things
- Identify rhyme and rhythm in poems

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:

- Hello
- Goodbye
- Teacher
- Student
- What is your name?
- My name is....

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: Kindergarten students will embark upon an exciting trip around the world learning about all the continents while highlighting certain cities, animals, and traditions. This month, students will learn about Canada's provinces:

- Manitoba
- Ontario
- Prince Edward Island
- New Brunswick
- Newfoundland
- Alberta

Mathematics: This month in mathematics, students will begin a money unit. Through many hands-on experiences and different manipulatives, students will:

- Identify the penny
- Act out stories using pennies
- Write number amounts to 10 cents
- Order number amounts to 10 cents
- Pay for items up to 10 cents using pennies
- Identify dimes counting by 10's

Science: This month in science, students will explore life on the farm! Through many hands-on experiences, students will explore the life cycles of pumpkins and corn. By participating in different science experiments, students will:

- Learn about the scientific method
- Learn about the life cycle of corn
- Learn about the life cycle of a pumpkin

Visual Arts: This month, students will continue to explore the element of colour. Using tactile means, students will learn how we can see warm and cool colours in the changing seasons. Students will:

- Explore warm and cool colours
- Explore the works of Pablo Picasso
- Participate in a leaf-rubbing project
- Create a fall scene using warm and cool colours

Music: In music class, the kindergarten class will continue to sing and play games that will expose them to different elements of music. Students will explore:

- Pulse - recognize stressed beats
- Loud/soft
- Play unpitched percussion instruments
- Instruments: the guitar
- Listening: *In the Hall of the Mountain King* by Grieg

Physical Education: Students will focus on having fun while learning skill-building activities. This month, students will engage in activities using balls such as:

- Rolling large and small balls to a partner
- Rolling large and small balls to a target
- Bouncing balls against the wall and catching it

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

Upcoming Events

October 4th – Parent Volunteer Info Session – 2:30 p.m.

October 5th – Exordium, Pizza Lunch & Curriculum Night

October 6th – PA Day – No School

October 9th – Thanksgiving Day – No School

October 12th – ACSI's World Concerns Day Conference (Gr. 7/8) - Philopateer Christian College, Mississauga

October 19th – Cross Country (Gr. 3+) – Dagmar

October 20th – Pizza Lunch

October 26th – AMICA Visit (Gr. 1/2) & Walk Through History Day

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