

January 2018

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 continue to grow in their understanding of how God chose and equipped people to lead the Israelites and how He was patient when the Israelites were disobedient. Later in the month, they will learn about individuals in the Bible who showed their love for God. Students will study the following people:

- Gideon
- Samson
- Ruth and Naomi
- Samuel
- Saul, David, and Goliath
- Solomon

Memory work: Colossians 1:1-3 "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. We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you." ESV

Language Arts: This month, the senior kindergarten program will focus on our community and snow. Students will review digraphs and trigraphs. Using various tactile means such as songs and chants students will continue to learn about rhyming words. Students will begin guided writing and will participate in many writing activities. This month, we will cover the following:

Vocabulary:

- Explore community, neighbourhood and winter vocabulary
- Continue learning about basic adjectives that describe people, places and things
- Identify rhyme and rhythm in poems

Literature:

- *The Ox Cart Man* by Donald Hall
- *Time to Rise* by Tomie dePaola
- *The Snow Day* by Ezra Jack Keats
- *Hot and Cold* (K12 program)

Phonics class:

- Trigraph *-tch* and ending *-ck*
- Review digraph and trigraph *-tch*.
- Telling and asking sentences
- Review short vowels, digraphs and sentences

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

- Boy
- Girl
- Man
- Woman

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: Senior Kindergarten students are travelling around the world learning about all the continents while highlighting certain cities, animals, and traditions. This month, students will learn about:

- Antarctica
- Australia

Mathematics: This month in mathematics, students will begin a geometry unit. Students will use a variety of math manipulatives and hands on experiences to:

- Identify figures using shape, colour, and size
- Identify triangles, squares, circles, and rectangles
- Identify a missing piece in a matrix
- Use geoboards to construct shapes

Science: This month in science, students will begin investigating God's living and non-living world. Through many hands-on experiences, students will explore rocks and sediments. Through participating in different science experiments, students will:

- Answer the question: What are non-living things like?
- Explore different kinds of rocks
- Investigate soil
- Conduct a sedimentary jar experiment

Visual Arts: This month, students will begin exploring the element of line. Through a variety of tactile art projects, students will:

- Explore Spanish Princess art
- Examine Katsushika Hokusai's "Tuning the Samisen"
- Explore types of lines in art: straight, zig-zag, curved, wavy, thick, thin

Music: In music class in January, students will continue to expand their repertoire of songs. They will practice keeping the pulse and recognizing the difference between elements of music such as fast and slow or low and high. Kindergarten students will also learn about musical instruments and take part in active listening. Classes will include:

- Singing - pitch matching
- Showing and keeping pulses
- Distinguishing between same and different phrases
- Distinguishing between fast and slow
- Learning about the trumpet
- Listening: *The March of the Siamese Twins* from *The King and I*

Physical Education: Students will continue to learn skill-building activities while developing good sportsmanship and having fun. This month, skills include:

- Travelling and responding to signals and changing modes
- Using hands to keep a balloon up in the air alone, with a partner, and in a group
- Using oversized racquets to hit and keep balloons up in the air

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

Upcoming Events

January 8 – Classes Resume – Welcome back from Christmas break!

January 12 & 26 – Pizza Lunch

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