

February 2018

The Month Ahead

At Innova



Senior Kindergarten
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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.



Jessica Cap
Teacher

Senior
Kindergarten

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 learn how people showed their love for God when the kingdom of Israel was divided and in exile. Students will discuss the following people and places:

- Elijah
- Elisha
- Hezekiah
- Assyrian threat
- Jonah
- Nineveh
- Israel's exile
- Daniel

Memory work: Colossians 1:1-5 "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, since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. Of this you have heard before in the word of the truth, the gospel." ESV

Language Arts:

This month, the Senior Kindergarten class will celebrate the 100th day of school. Students will listen to stories and complete activities associated with 100 days of school, Valentine's Day, transportation and bears. Students will continue to build their phonetic skills through hearing, reading and saying phonograms. With the use of various tactile means, students will continue to develop their fine motor skills and begin to learn the art of cursive writing. As stories are explored, students will practice story sequencing and compare texts. The focus this month includes:

Literature:

- *The 100th Day of School* by Angela Shelf Medearis
- *The Little Engine That Could* by Watty Piper
- *Talk* by K12 Read Aloud Treasury
- *Happy Valentines Day Curious George* by N. Di Angelo
- *Tikki Tikki Tembo* by Arlene Mosel
- *The Three Little Bears* K12 Read Aloud Treasury
- *Winnie the Pooh* by A.A Milne

Phonics and Reading:

- Review short vowel sounds
- Review digraphs
- Capitalization and punctuation in sentences
- Endings: -s and -es
- Endings: -ff, -ll, -ss, -zz
- Compound words

Writing:

- Letter writing
- Journal writing
- Cursive writing
- Guided writing

Vocabulary:

- Transportation vocabulary
- Valentine's Day vocabulary
- Tikki Tikki Tembo vocabulary

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:

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.

- Table
- Chair
- Pencil
- Book

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

- The continent of Europe
- Spain, England, France, and Ireland

Mathematics: This month, students will begin exploring measurement. Using manipulatives, chants, and songs students will learn different forms of measurement. Topics this month will include:

- Identifying 1 cup
- Identifying $\frac{1}{2}$ cup
- Identifying $\frac{1}{4}$ cup
- Following a recipe
- Comparing length
- Ordering objects by length
- Measuring lengths using non-standard units.

Science: Students will continue learning about the health of their bodies. Students will also begin exploring different modes of transportation. Topics this month include:

- What is our skin for?
- How does eating help our bodies?
- Safety rules are important for pedestrians
- Ways of getting around the neighbourhood
- Staying safe in cars and buses
- Trucks, trains, sea transportation and air transportation

Visual Arts: Students will continue exploring the element of line in visual arts. Through various hands on experiences, students will participate in the following art projects:

- Snowflake line art
- Heart string art
- Pipe cleaner sculptures
- Button weaving

Music: Students will continue to practice their skills with unpitched percussion and singing. This month, there will be a stronger emphasis on pitch matching, keeping a steady pulse, and understanding rhythmic notation. More specifically, we will explore:

- Half notes and half rests
- Good singing tone and correct pitch matching
- Rhythmic patterns on unpitched percussion instruments
- The violin
- Listening: Saint-Saens' *Carnival of the Animals*

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

- Stability and balancing (with and without beanbags)
- Moving and freezing into interesting shapes and poses
- Walking on a straight line
- Balancing through an obstacle course (hula hoops, mats, pylons)

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

Upcoming Events

February 2 – Exordium **AND** Non-Uniform Day **AND** Pasta Lunch **AND** Grade 8 Visit Day
February 6 – TSO Field Trip – Grades 3-8
February 9 – Pizza Lunch
February 16 – PA Day – No School
February 19 – Family Day – No School
February 22 – 7/8 Boys' Basketball Tournament (TBD)
February 23 – In-School Speech Meet **AND** Pizza Lunch
February 26 – Reports Sent Home
February 27 – 7/8 Girls' Basketball Tournament (TBD)

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