

March 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 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

Memory work: Psalm 25: 1 – 3a "To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul. O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame; let not my enemies exult over me. Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame" ESV

Language Arts: This month, senior kindergarten students will listen to stories and complete activities associated with the themes Bears, Lions, and Easter. They will continue to develop their phonics skills as they practice hearing, reading, and saying letters and their sounds. With the use of various tactile means, students will continue learning proper sentence structure. As stories are explored, students will listen for targeted phonemes. The focus this month is:

Literature:

- *Pooh's School Day* By: Lauren Cecil
- *The Three Little Bears* By: K12 Read Aloud Treasury
- *The Lion and the Mouse* By: K12 Read Aloud Treasury
- *The Tale of Peter Rabbit*: Beatrix Potter
- *The Velveteen Rabbit* By: K12 Read Aloud Treasury

Phonics and Reading:

- Capitalization and end punctuation
- -es and -s endings
- Endings -ff, -ll, -ss, -zz
- Compound words
- Consonant blends -nd, -ft, -lk, -ct,

Writing:

- Journal writing
- Dictionary writing
- Letter writing
- Guided writing
- Copying lion facts

Vocabulary:

- Hibernate, honey, ark, grizzly bear, mane, pride, predator, risen, grave, damp, wheelbarrow, hoe

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

- House
- Door
- Wall
- Window

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: Junior 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:

- England
- Ireland

Mathematics: Students will complete a measurement unit and then begin a data management unit. Through the various use of tactile means, students will be able to use concrete objects and apply them to real world problems. Topics this month include:

- Measuring weight
- What is lighter or heavier?
- Making a pictograph
- Reading a graph
- Making a real graph
- Identifying the most and least on a graph
- Placing an object on a real graph
- Placing a tag on a pictograph

Science: Students will begin learning about God's creation through our themed animal units on bears and lions. This month, students will explore:

- The characteristics of bears
- Hibernation
- Honey tasting
- Where lions live
- Carnivores
- The lion's mane

Visual Arts: Students will learn about the art of weaving. Using various tactile means, students will explore:

- Button weaving
- Circle weaving
- Lion lines
- Easter line art

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

- Balancing through an obstacle course (hula hoops, mats, pylons)
- Personal safety
- Injury prevention

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

Upcoming Events

March 1 – ACSI Public Speaking Festival – Mississauga AND Parent-Teacher Interviews
March 2 – Exordium AND Pizza Lunch
March 5-16 – March Break – No School
March 19 – Classes Resume
March 23 – Pizza Lunch
March 29 – Pasta Lunch
March 30 & April 2 – Good Friday & Easter Monday – No School

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