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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:** Senior Kindergarten students will continue to learn how people showed their love for God when the Kingdom of Israel was divided and in exile. Later in the month, students will begin a unit on Jesus' ministry. Students will discuss the following people and events:

- Israel's exile
- Daniel's obedience and the return of the exiles to Jerusalem
- Esther becomes queen and Haman's plot
- Ezra
- Jesus' baptism and His disciples
- Jesus blesses the children
- Prayer
- Nicodemus and Zacchaeus
- The Samaritan Woman
- Mary and Martha

Memory work: Psalm 25:20 "Oh, guard my soul, and deliver me! Let me not be put to shame, for I take refuge in you." and John 14:6: Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me". ESV

**Language Arts:** This month, Senior Kindergarten students will listen to stories and complete activities associated with the themes elephants, monkeys, giraffes, and bats. They will continue to develop their phonics skills as they practice hearing and reading phonetic sounds in isolation and in words, sentences, and stories. With the use of various tactile means, students will develop their fine motor skills and practice proper letter formation both in handwriting and cursive. As stories are read, students will discuss, retell and sequence them. The focus this month is on the following:

Literature selections include:

- *The Sahara*: K12 reader
- *Curious George*: H. A. Rey
- *Lousy Litter*: K12 reader
- *Cecily and the Nine Monkeys*: H.A. Rey
- *Stellaluna*: Janell Cannon

Phonics and Reading:

- -nd, -ft, -lk, -ct
- -lp, -lt
- -mp, -sp
- -sk, -st, -nt, -nch

Writing:

- Cursive letter formation
- Journal writing
- Copying animal facts

Vocabulary:

- Echolocation
- Nocturnal
- Herbivore
- Primate
- Mammal
- Tusk

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

- Girl, boy, man, woman, table, chair, pencil, book house, door, 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:** 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:

- Ireland
- Germany
- Netherlands

**Mathematics** This month, students will complete their graphing unit and review counting by 2's, 5's, and 10's laying the foundation of simple multiplication. Topics will include:

- Final graphing project
- Counting by 2's, 5's, and 10's
- Numbers 20 to 49
- Numbers 50 to 79
- Numbers 80 to 100
- Sequencing numbers from 1 to 100
- Place value and grouping strategies for numbers 1 to 100

**Science:** Students will begin to explore animals and their habitats. Through the scientific process, students will explore elephants, monkeys, giraffes, and bats. Topics this month will include:

- Elephants and their habitat
- Elephant toothpaste experiment
- Monkey study
- Banana experiment
- Giraffe skins
- Echolocation
- Bat smells

**Visual Arts:** Students will begin to explore the art of sculpting. Through various tactile art projects, they will explore different types of sculptures such as totem poles and mobiles. Topics this month include:

- What is a sculpture?
- Different types of sculptures
- The artist Michelangelo
- Totem poles
- Mobiles
- Mobile creation using natural elements

**Music:** As we enter the final months of the school year, the Senior Kindergarten class will begin preparing repertoire for the spring concert. They will also review all they have learned through the year and continue to build their skills playing the Orff instruments. More specific goals include:

- Keeping a steady off-beat pulse on unpitched percussion
- Mallet technique
- Repetitive patterns on the Orff instruments
- Matching pitch
- Identifying rhythmic notation
- Identifying So-Mi

**Physical Education:** Students will continue to participate in skill-building activities focusing on travelling skills while developing good sportsmanship and having fun. Students will also discuss:

- Personal safety
- Injury prevention
- Healthy eating
- Body parts

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

## Upcoming Events

April 2 – Easter Monday – No School  
April 6 & 20 – Pizza Lunch  
April 17 – TSO (JK - Gr. 2) – Roy Thomson Hall  
April 23 – Badminton Tournament (Gr. 7/8) - Stouffville  
April 26 – Math Olympics (Gr. 4-8) - Mississauga  
April 27 – Pasta Lunch

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