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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: Kindergarten students will continue to learn about Jesus' ministry and the parables He told to teach people about God's kingdom. Students will learn about:

- Zacchaeus
- The Samaritan Woman
- Mary and Martha
- The Good Samaritan
- The Midnight Friend
- The Great Banquet
- The Lost Sheep and the Lost Coin
- The Lost Son
- The Good Shepherd
- The Pharisees and the Tax Collector
- The Sower and the Seed
- The Wise and Foolish Builders

Memory Verses: 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

Matthew 7:7 "Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you." ESV

Language Arts: This month, Senior Kindergarten students will listen to stories and complete activities associated with the themes Zebras, Mother's Day, Birds, and Insects. They will continue to develop their phonics skills as they practice hearing, reading, and saying sounds. With the use of various tactile means, students will develop their writing skills and practice proper cursive letter formation. As stories are explored, students will practice looking for key themes in stories and identifying story elements such as setting, characters, problem and solution. The focus this month is on the following:

Literature:

- *Little Red Riding Hood* by K12 Reader
- *What If The Zebras Lost Their Stripes?* by John Reitano
- *On Beyond Zebra!* by Dr. Seuss
- *A Chair For My Mother* by K12 Reader
- *My Mum* by Anthony Browne
- *Just Me and My Mom* by Mayer Mercer
- *The Ugly Duckling* by H.C Anderson
- *Make Way For Ducklings* by Robert McCloskey
- *Ducks* by Linda Baxter
- *Sitting Ducks* by Micheal Berard
- *Migrating Monarch: A Butterfly Vacation* by K12 Reader
- *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* by Eric Carle

Phonics and Reading:

- Beginning Consonant Blends br-, cr-, dr-, fr-, gr-, pr-, and tr-
- Beginning Digraph Blends shr- and thr-
- Beginning Consonant Blends sc-, sp-, st-, sw-, sk-, sm-, sn-, and tw-

Writing:

- Zebra and butterfly facts
- Journal writing
- Dictionaries
- Book writing for mothers
- Ladder spelling

Vocabulary:

- zebra, unique, seal, dazzle, stallion, mare, foal, groom

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.

- Bond, warmth, care, mother, family
- Osprey, woodpecker, peacock, mockingbird, webbed, perching
- Symmetry, metamorphosis, larva, pupa, chrysalis, cross pollination

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:

- Sit, all sit
- Rise, all rise
- Write, all write
- Repeat, all repeat

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:

- Russia
- Italy
- Asia
- China

Mathematics: This month in mathematics, students will complete a unit on numbers 1-100 and then begin learning about comparing sets of numbers. Students will also begin to explore counting on and counting back. Through a variety of hands-on experiences, students will explore the following:

- Comparing sets up to 20 to find the difference between two sets
- Comparing countable sets using the terms fewer and more
- Comparing uncountable sets using the terms less and more
- Combining sets to find how many in all
- Counting on to ten
- Counting back using fingers
- Finding the difference between two sets

Science: This month in science, students will begin our STEM program. Through various tactile experiences, students will focus on the engineering design process through sturdy building designs. Topics covered this month include:

- Building a playground structure
- Engineering principles such as gears and levers

Visual Arts: This month in art, students will continue their unit on sculptures. Students will also begin exploring the art of self-portraits. Topics this month include:

- Mobile creation using natural elements
- Mother's Day gifts
- Pablo Picasso
- Picasso self-portraits

Music: Junior Kindergarten students are very busy preparing for the Innova spring concert on May 17th. Some of the concepts learned through their spring repertoire include:

- Rhythm
- Pitch
- Dynamics
- Choral skills

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

- Learn the importance of healthy eating
- Identify simple body parts (e.g. arms, legs, nose, chin, etc.)
- Play cooperative and organizational games

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

Upcoming Events

- May 4 – Exordium – Parents Welcome **AND** Pizza Lunch
- May 7 – Science Fair – Gym
- May 10 – Shape Event with Lee Strobel – Main Sanctuary
- May 11 – Pastors' Appreciation Breakfast
- May 16 – York Immunization Clinic (Gr. 7)
- May 17 – Spring Concert and Art Exhibit – Main Sanctuary
- May 18 – Mission Trip to the Dominican (Gr. 7/8) **AND** Pizza Lunch
- May 23 – Zoo Field Trip (JK-Gr. 2)
- May 29 – Track and Field (Gr. 7/8) – Centennial Park
- May 31 – Track and Field (Gr. 3-6) – Centennial Park

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