

June 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 lifelong 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 the parables Jesus told to teach about God's kingdom and God's love for His church. Students will discuss the following:

- The Good Shepherd
- The Pharisee and the tax collector
- The sower and the seed
- The wise and foolish builders
- Pentecost
- Peter heals a crippled beggar
- Peter escapes from prison
- Philip and the Ethiopian
- Saul's conversion
- Paul begins his journey

Memory Verses: Matthew 28:19-20 "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you." ESV

Language Arts: This month, Senior Kindergarten students will listen to stories and complete activities associated with the themes of insects (begun last month) and Father's Day. They will continue to develop their phonics skills as they practice hearing, reading, and saying blended sounds. With the use of various tactile means, students will develop their fine motor skills and continue to practice both manuscript and cursive writing. As stories are explored, students will listen for targeted phonemes. The focus this month is on the following:

Literature:

- *Spider, Turtle and Good Manners* by K12 Reader
- *Migrating Monarch: A Butterfly Vacation* by K12
- *How to Raise Monarch Butterflies* by Carol Pasternak
- *Everybody Loves Butterflies* by Tanis Taylor
- *The Bee Tree* by Patricia Polacco
- *The Honeybee Man* by Leah Nargi
- *Exploring a Story* by K12 Reader
- *It's Father's Day, Charlie Brown* by Judy Katchske

Phonics and Reading:

- Learn words ending in -ang, -ing, -ong, and -ung
- Learn the silent e spelling for the sounds /ā/, /ī/, /ō/, and /ē/.
- Continue learning sight words

Writing:

- Journal writing
- Guided writing
- Butterfly facts
- Short stories (publish selected works)

Vocabulary:

- Larva
- Chrysalis
- Cross-pollination
- Antenna
- Nectar
- Colony
- Symmetry
- Leader
- Friend

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.

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 that has been learned so far this year:

- Greeting words
- Making friends
- How are you? I am....
- Family members: mother, father, sister, brother
- Girl, boy, man, women
- Table, chair, pencil, book

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

- Asia
- Japan
- India

Mathematics: Senior Kindergarten students will end their year learning number facts through combining sets, composing and decomposing numbers, and counting on. Students will also learn addition and subtraction stories.

Topics this month will include:

- Composing and decomposing numbers to 20
- Combining sets
- Counting on
- Writing addition sentences and representing addition stories
- Addition facts to 5
- Writing subtraction sentences and representing subtraction stories

Science: Students will explore God's beauty through the study of insects. Through the scientific process, students will explore:

- The butterfly lifecycle
- Bees
- Cross-pollination

Visual Arts: This month in art, students will complete their studies by examining symmetry in art. Students will:

- Explore lines of symmetry in objects
- Create symmetrical butterflies
- Create a Father's Day craft

Music: June is primarily a review month for Kindergarten students. Students will engage in all the areas of music they learned throughout the year in the form of games and musical activities. They will also explore music history and critical listening. Topics will include:

- Opposites review (high/low, loud/soft, short/long)
- Solfege singing
- Rhythm syllables
- The musical alphabet
- G4 and C4 on the staff
- Critical listening

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:

- Cooperative and Organizational Games
- Review of catching, throwing, and kicking

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

Upcoming Events

June 1 and 14 – Pizza Lunch

June 5-12 – Dominican Republic Mission Trip

June 8 – Battle of the Books (at Innova) AND Pasta Lunch

June 16 – Family Picnic – At the Makarenkos'

June 18 – Nobility Day

June 19 – Last Day of Class – Noon Dismissal – Term 3 Reports Go Home **AND**
Grade 8 Graduation

June 20-22 – PA Days - ACCS Conference for Administration

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