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The Month Ahead At Innova

Heidi completed an honours bachelor's degree in arts/science and a Bachelor of Education at Lakehead University. Heidi spent her first-year teaching on an aboriginal reservation in Quebec and then moved to Newmarket where she was introduced to classical Christian education. She was immediately impressed with the respect, self-discipline, and perseverance that was displayed in the students of Innova Academy. Heidi loves playing sports and spending time with her two children. Most of all, Heidi is grateful to share the love of God with her students every day.



Mrs. Heidi Di Marco
Teacher

Senior
Kindergarten

Angie graduated from Tyndale University with a Bachelor of Religious Education. She also completed the Leaders In Further Training (LIFT) program in upstate New York at CAMP of the WOODS where she also served as their all girls camp Tapawingo director. Angie has also been on staff with the public school board as an educational assistant. In her free time, Angie loves to spend time with her husband and their two children, hiking, exploring cities, finding great coffee shops (well, Angie does) and family pizza nights!



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Senior Kindergarten is a time of magical growth when 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: This month, students will focus on God's beautiful creation. Students will explore the following topics:

- The book of Genesis through the study of the Patriarchs - Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob
- The memorization of Psalm 136

Language Arts: SK students will explore stories, poems, songs, chants, and hands-on activities each month. Literature selections this month include *Jack and the Bean Stalk*, *Everyday Exercises*, *The Gingerbread Man*, *Lousy Litter*, and *Their Homes Were Their Castles*. During daily read-aloud time, students will enjoy listening to the novel *The Bobbsey Twins* by Laura Lee Hope. Using various tactile means as well as songs and chants, students will:

- Review and practice letters and their sounds
- Develop penmanship skills using proper grip and letter formation
- Discuss the story elements of character and setting
- Make predictions before and during reading
- Review all vowel sounds

Culture/Geography: Students will enjoy an exciting journey around the world during geography class! Students are learning about where they live and how it relates to the rest of the world. Students will:

- Learn how other countries celebrate Thanksgiving
- Learn about the "Land Down Under" by studying the Australian outback and cities, the animals of the outback, and the sea creatures of Australia

Mathematics: In mathematics this month, students will continue to explore numbers using various hands-on manipulatives, songs, and chants. This month, students will:

- Sort and classify objects
- Review numbers to 10

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.

Science: In science this month, students will explore life on the farm! Through many hands-on experiences, students will explore the life cycles of apples and pumpkins. By participating in various science experiments, students will learn about:

- The scientific method
- The life cycle of an apple
- The life cycle of a pumpkin

Art: In art class this month, students will explore the element of colour. Using tactile means, students will learn how we can see warm and cool colours in the changing seasons. Students will:

- Explore warm and cool colours
- Participate in a leaf-rubbing project
- Create a fall scene using warm and cool colours

Music: In music class, students will continue to sing and play games to explore different elements of music such as:

- Pulse - recognize stressed beats
- Loud/soft
- Unpitched percussion
- Instruments: guitar
- Listening: *Anitra's Dance* by Grieg

Physical Education: During physical education this month, students will have opportunities to develop spatial awareness, balance, and coordination using their bodies and a variety of equipment. Throughout the year, students are encouraged to develop good sportsmanship while playing games with their classmates. This month's physical education topics include:

- Rolling large and small balls to a partner and to a target
- Bouncing balls against the wall and catching it
- Controlling a ball in various ways

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

Upcoming Events

- October 8 – Curriculum Night – Via Zoom
- October 9 – PD Day – No school for students
- October 12 – Thanksgiving Day – No School
- October 30 – Walk Through History Day AND
- October 30 – Interim Reports Go Home

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