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The Month Ahead At Innova



Senior Kindergarten

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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
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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!



Mrs. Angie Armstrong
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Senior Kindergarten is a time of magical growth where children learn foundational 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 finish their study of the Patriarchs by looking at the life Jacob. Students will then examine the life of Joseph, including:

- God's direction even when situations look hopeless
- God's faithfulness to His people
- Memory work for this month is Psalm 136

Language Arts: Students will explore stories, poems, songs, chants, and hands-on activities each month. Students will study the following fairy tales: *Cinderella*, *Sleeping Beauty*, and *Rapunzel*. Literature selections this month also include *A Poppy is to Remember*, *The Grand Canyon*, and *Mike Mulligan and His Steam Shovel*. During daily read-aloud time, students will enjoy listening to the collection of short stories by Beatrix Potter. 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
- Continue to review vowel sounds
- Learn the digraphs *sh/th/wh/ch*

Culture/Geography: Students will enjoy an exciting journey around the world during geography class! Students will learn about where they live and how it relates to the rest of the world. This month, students will study the continent of Europe. Students will:

- Meet the peaceful bull, Ferdinand
- Tour Buckingham Palace
- Tour France and meet the storybook heroine, Madeline
- Learn about the land of tulips and dikes

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

- Learn to order items by size, length, weight
- Count and order numbers to 10
- Learn about the relationship between size and position

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, students will investigate the topic of health. By participating in science experiments and hands-on activities, students will study the following questions:

- What does skin do?
- How does eating help our bodies?
- How should we care for our teeth?
- How do rest and exercise help our bodies?
- How do we avoid getting sick?

Visual Arts: This year, SK students will work with the seven elements of design using a variety of materials. They will learn to incorporate these elements into their artwork, and practice identifying these elements in various classical works of art and in God's creation. In art class this month, students will explore the element of line. Students will:

- Create poppies for Remembrance Day
- Create Remembrance Day posters
- Create cards for the residents in AMICA
- Draw with a variety of lines

Music: In music class, SK students will continue to explore ranges and opposites in music as well as learn more about instruments and begin repertoire for Christmas.

Lessons will include:

- Types of vocalizing
- Rhythmic patterns
- Christmas repertoire
- Instruments: piano

Physical Education: During physical education, 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, students will learn to:

- Move in a variety of different ways
- Compete in relay races with classmates
- Travel in a variety of patterns

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

Upcoming Events

- November 2 – Picture Day Retakes – Both campuses
- November 5 – Interim Parent/Teacher Check-in via Zoom
- November 6 – Biblical Parenting Book Study via Zoom
- November 11 – Remembrance Day Chapel
- November 13 – High School Semester 1 Midterms Go Home
- November 20 – Biblical Parenting Book Study via Zoom

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