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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  
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!



Mrs. Angie Armstrong  
Teacher

Senior  
Kindergarten

*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:** This month, students will study Joshua and the time of the judges. Students will:

- Explore how God continues to keep His promises to the Israelites
- Discover how God chose and equipped people such as Joshua, Gideon, and Samson
- Discuss how God is patient with disobedient people

**Language Arts:** Students will explore stories, poems, songs, chants, and hands-on activities each month. Literature selections this month include *The Mitten*, "Migrating Monarchs: A Butterfly Vacation," *A Story, A Story*, "Spider and Turtle and Good Manners," and *The Wombat and the Kangaroo*. During daily read-aloud time, students will enjoy listening to a variety of classroom stories. 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
- Discover the endings -es, s, -ff, -ll, -zz, -ss, and -all
- Practice writing complete sentences with proper punctuation

**Culture/Geography:** Students will enjoy an exciting journey around the world during geography and culture class! This month, students will learn about the continent of Europe. Students will:

- Visit the Emerald Isle and learn about leprechauns and shamrocks
- Explore Germany and learn about the Grimm brothers' fairy tales

**Mathematics:** In mathematics, students will continue to explore numbers using various hands-on manipulatives, songs, and chants. This month, students will continue to explore numbers from twenty to one hundred. Students will then focus on comparing and combining different sets of numbers. Specifically, students will:

- Count, order, and compare numbers to 100

## 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.

- Compare sets from 10 to 20
- Compare sets to find the difference
- Combine sets to find the whole

**Science:** In science this month, students will investigate a variety of materials. They will participate in science experiments and hands-on activities to study the following questions:

- What are wood, metal, rubber, and leather like?
- What is clay like?
- What are fabrics and paper like?
- What are glass and plastic like?

**Art:** This year, Senior Kindergarten students will be introduced to the seven elements of design - colour, line, shape, texture, form, space, and value and learn to incorporate these elements into their artwork. In art class this month, students will explore the element of space. Students will:

- Identify the use of space in a variety of completed art projects
- Create Valentine themed crafts

**Music:** In music this month, there will be a stronger emphasis on pitch matching, keeping a steady pulse, and understanding rhythmic notation. More specifically, students will explore:

- Half notes and half rests
- Good singing tone and correct pitch matching
- Rhythmic patterns on unpitched percussion instruments
- Jazz

**Physical Education:** During physical education, students will have opportunities to develop spatial awareness, balance, and coordination using their bodies. Students are encouraged to go outside as much as possible and enjoy God's creation through exercise. This month, students will practice:

- Following various exercise routines
- Completing various activities outside to enjoy fresh air and to develop healthy habits

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

## Upcoming Events

February 1 – High School Semester 2 Begins

February 5 – Re-Application Early Bird Deadline

February 12 – PD Day – No School

February 15 – Family Day – No School

February 16 – Post-Secondary Application Process & Planning Session –  
Online 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.