

June 2021

The Month Ahead

At Innova



Junior Kindergarten
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Melinda holds a Bachelor of Arts Honours degree in Psychology from the University of Windsor and a Bachelor of Education from Queen's University. She is passionate about instilling a love of learning into the hearts of children and encouraging and inspiring them to be confident leaders. Using music, art, drama, and many visual resources, Melinda loves teaching in creative ways to engage children. After reading the book, *Shaping Hearts and Minds* by Monica and Shawn Whatley, Melinda is excited to bring the classical model of teaching to her classroom. Melinda enjoys travelling, meeting new people, and eating a variety of international foods. She is active in her church and serves in various capacities on the worship and prayer team as well as in local outreach and evangelism.



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Our Junior Kindergarten program is designed to inspire children to have 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: In Junior Kindergarten, the overarching theme is God's care and love for His people. The Old Testament stories introduce students to biblical characters in a way that shows how God displayed His love and took care of each of these people. In the New Testament, Jesus's life and ministry demonstrates His kindness and love for people. His miracles show us His power and authority as God in relating to all kinds of human needs (physical, emotional, and spiritual). This month, topics include:

- Zacchaeus (Luke 19:1-10)
- Blind Bartimaeus (Luke 18: 35-43, Mark 10:46-52)
- Let the little children come to Me (Matthew 19:13-15, Mark 10:13-16, Luke 18: 15-17)
- The wind that obeyed (Matthew 8:23-27, Mark 4:35-41, Luke 8:22-25)
- The man who said thank-you (Luke 17:11-19)
- The sheep that was lost (Luke 15:3-7)
- Build your house on the rock (Matthew 7:24-27)
- Memory Verse: John 3:16 "For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life."

Language Arts: Students will continue to practice mastering the letters of the alphabet and their respective sounds as well as develop their fine motor skills. As they demonstrate readiness, students read books from our individual reading program. Students will:

- Review short vowel sounds: a, e, i, o, u, and y
- Review digraphs: /ch/, /th/, /sh/
- Learn new sight words
- Blend sounds to build words
- Independently read stories from the PhonicsWorks reading series
- Write messages to friends using to, from, I like you, I love you
- Write alphabet letters, words, and simple sentences

Mathematics: Students will learn to recognize and say their numbers through counting and use various tactile means to practice proper number formation. This month, students will learn about:

JK – 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.

- Estimation and data
- Sorting
- Making graphs

Culture and Geography: Students will learn about community and how God wants us as His children to love and care for each other in the Christian community. Learning objectives for this month include:

- Learn about various places in a community
- Explore different community helpers and understand what they do
- Discuss practical ways to help our community
- Understand that God calls us to reach out to others who do not know Christ
- Know that we should not forsake meeting together as believers in Christ, and we should live together in love and unity

Science: This month in science, students will study oceans and enjoy a variety of fun hands-on experiments. Activities include:

- Learning about oceans and sea otters
- Experiments: ocean in a bottle, colour mixing, balloon rocket, and mentos and soda

Art: Students will continue to enjoy exploring the elements of art this month through a variety of creative projects. Students will:

- Use vibrant colours to reflect God's majesty
- Explore colours that reflect the beauty of summer

Music: June is primarily a review month for JK students. Students will engage in activities involving all areas of music learned this year. Topics include:

- Opposites review (high/low, loud/soft, short/long, etc.)
- Solfege singing
- Rhythm syllables
- Musical alphabet
- C4-G4 on the treble staff
- Critical listening

Physical Education: During the stay-at-home order, students are encouraged to spend time outside and enjoy God's creation through exercise. This month, students are encouraged to:

- Engage in outdoor activities to enjoy fresh air and to develop healthy habits
- Go to the park and practice swinging, sliding, climbing, and playing kindly with others

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

Upcoming Events

- June 9 – Ripley's Aquarium Field Trip (virtual) – Gr. 1/2
- June 11 – Ripley's Aquarium Field Trip (virtual) – Gr. 3-5
- June 17 – Spring Concert (virtual)
- June 17 – Repairing the Ruins Simulcasts for Parents
- June 17-23 – High School Evaluation Days
- June 21 - Innova Business Meeting – For all parents at 7:00 p.m.
- June 24 – Last Day of Classes (lunch dismissal), Reports Sent Home, and Grade 8 Graduation

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