

June 2021

# 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:** Senior Kindergarten students will continue to learn how people showed their love for God when the Kingdom of Israel was divided and in exile. Later in the month, students will begin a unit on Jesus' ministry. Students will discuss the following people and events:

- Israel's exile
- Daniel's obedience and the return of the exiles to Jerusalem
- Esther becomes queen and Haman's plot
- Ezra
- Jesus' baptism and His disciples
- Jesus blesses the children

**Language Arts:** Students will explore stories, poems, songs, chants, and hands-on activities each month. Literature selections this month include *The Little Red Hen*, *The Three Bears*, *Three Billy Goats Gruff*, and *The Three Little Pigs*. 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:

- Continue practicing phonograms and decoding more complex words
- Practice words containing the beginning constant blends *br*, *cr*, *dr*, *fr*, *gr*, *str*, and *thr*
- Develop penmanship skills using proper grip and letter formation
- Discuss the story elements of character and setting
- Make predictions before and during reading
- Practice writing several related complete sentences with proper punctuation
- Practice writing simple stories

**Culture/Geography:** Students will enjoy an exciting journey around the world during geography and culture class. This month, students will continue to learn about Africa. The school year will conclude by learning about our home and native land of Canada! Students will:

- Learn about central Africa and the Congo Rain Forest
- Explore African towns and villages
- Discover why we celebrate Canada Day

## 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.

**Mathematics:** In mathematics, students will continue to explore numbers using various hands-on manipulatives, songs, and chants. This month, students will study units on *Subtraction*, *Measurement* and *Money*. Specifically, students will:

- Write subtraction sentences
- Compare sets to discover how many more
- Practice subtraction facts to 5
- Compare weights using nonstandard units
- Compare capacities and events in time
- Practice counting coins and learn their values

**Science:** In science this month, students will explore God's wonderful creation by participating in science experiments and hands-on activities. Students will continue to observe the growth of their own plant! Topics include:

- The life cycle of a butterfly
- The life cycle of a frog

**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 the senior kindergarten class. 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.