

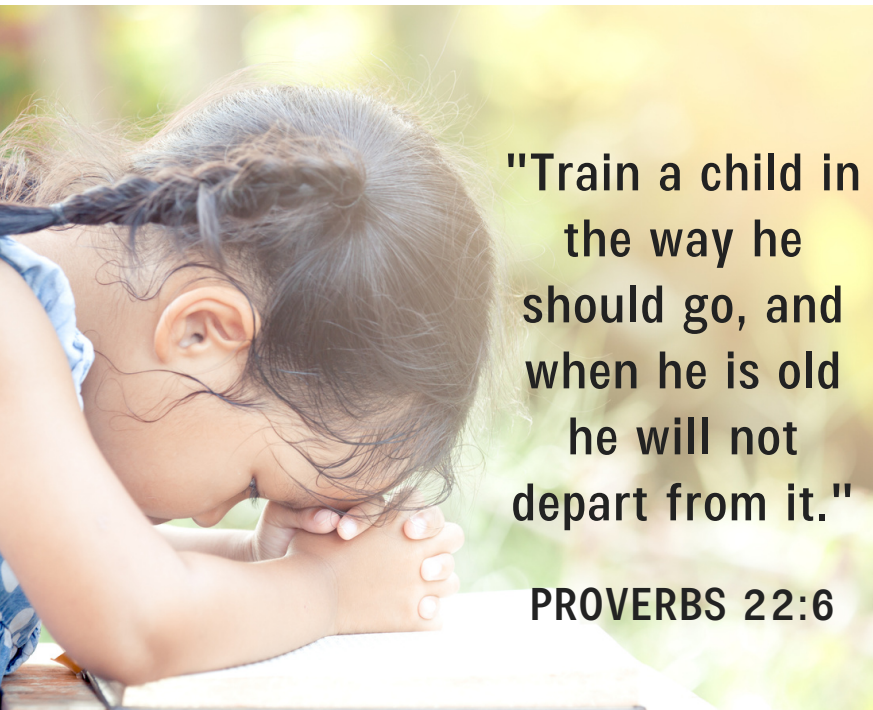
LIFTED ACADEMY

# NEWSLETTER

AUGUST / SEPTEMBER 2023



## WELCOME BACK!



"Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it."

PROVERBS 22:6

## SAVE THE DATE!



### GRANDPARENTS' DAY!

Friday, Sept. 8th @ 10 AM

A special celebration inviting all grandparents to come spend the day with their grandkids.



### PARENT SEMINAR



Wednesday, Sept. 26th @ 7 PM on the "Principles of Parenting to Live By" with Dr. Estelle C. Myers.



### AWANA SCOUTS CLUBS

Begins Aug. 30th!  
Every Wednesday at 7 PM  
Christian Scouts for kids Ages 3 - 5th Grade.

# HELLO. September

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Aug. 27 Staff Inauguration Service 11 AM	Aug. 28	Aug. 29	Aug. 30 Awana® BEGINS! Scouts Clubs 7 PM	Aug. 31	1	2
3	4  Labor Day Holiday	5	6 Awana® Christian Scouts Clubs 7 PM	7  PTF Parent Teacher Fellowship Zoom Meeting 7PM	8  Grandparents' Day 10 AM	9
10	11 Women's Discipleship w/ Dr. Estelle Myers @ 7 PM	12	13 Awana® Christian Scouts Clubs 7 PM	14	15	16  Men's & Women's Breakfast 9:30 AM
17	18	19	20 Awana® Christian Scouts Clubs 7 PM	21	22	23
24	25	26	27  Parent Seminar 7 PM "Principles of Parenting" w/ Dr. Estelle Myers	28	29	30



## THE PRINCIPLES OF THE PRINCIPAL DR. ESTELLE C. MYERS

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to another exciting school year. We feel privileged that you have chosen Lifted Academy to oversee the education of your most treasured possessions. We are grateful for your trust and feel confident that you too will be pleased with the end result-students with a well developed character in the Lord as well as a solid education that is centered on God's truth, producing emotionally sound and responsible children.

Einstein said that knowledge for the sake of knowledge is useless. What good is an educated child or adult that cannot discern good from evil? Many a tyrant in this world has been well educated and written many a book: Adolph Hitler, Carl Marx, Benito Mussolini, just to name a few. But in the words of Jesus Christ,

**"What does it profit a man to gain the whole world, but lose his soul?" (Mark 8:36)**

Here at Lifted Academy we believe that if we follow the principles found in God's Word, the Bible, not only will we be able to properly educate your children in reading, writing and arithmetic, but also educate them in regard to their character in learning how to make good choices in their lives. Research has shown us that unless an individual has a decision making process that they follow religiously, they will tend to make life choices based on feelings, not facts, which can lead them down a path that they may negatively alter the course of their life, simply because of one foolish choice.

Here, our students will learn how to make choices based on the standards and principles that Jesus sets for us, not what the world teaches or what a person "feels" to be true, but rather on the solid truth of God's Word. This is why you will see the words "Veritas Dei" above our emblem on our logo, it means "God's Truth" in Latin. This is our north star, for the scriptures state that those who put their hope and trust in God will never be disappointed or put to shame. (I Peter 2:6)



Here at Lifted Academy we will focus on the 4 R's: Reverence, Respect, Responsibility and Rewards. I will be holding a Parent Seminar later in September where I will be sharing the importance of developing the character of a child from a very young age. The title of the seminar is the "A,B,C's of Parenting". There I will dive further into the importance of developing within children a healthy Reverence for God, an intentional Respect for others, the importance of personal Responsibility for everyone, and the ultimate Rewards that God gives to those who obey His Word. I do hope you will try to join us on Tuesday evening, September 27th at 7 PM; childcare will be provided.

The staff will be rewarding students who are excelling in their Character Development each month by choosing a Star Student who will be highlighted in the upcoming newsletters and recognized in the second chapel of each month. The first Awards Chapel will be September 13th. Our Back-To-School Night, tonight, is a wonderful

opportunity to view your child's curriculum, hear the expectations of your child's teacher, and learn more about how you can be more involved in your child's overall education this year. Remember, we are only as good as our parent's involvement. We believe in partnering with our parents in raising your little ones. So please, come on campus and be an integral part of your child's educational process this year. They grow up so fast, you will never regret the time spent on campus or on field trips with them.

We are all looking forward to an exciting year. God is blessing Lifted Academy and we are blessed to have you as part of our family. We would like to invite you this Sunday, August 27th to our Teacher Inauguration Service, where we will be dedicating all of our staff to the Lord for the coming school year. If you ever have any comments, suggestions, or concerns, please do not hesitate to stop by or call, as my door is always open.

In His Service and Love,

Dr. Estelle C. Myers  
School Principal



*"Train up a child in the way he should go  
and when he is old he will not depart from it."*

PROVERBS 22:6

LA

LIFTED ACADEMY



Hello parents,

Welcome back to a new school year! I am so glad to be your child's teacher. I feel very excited, energized and strengthened by God's grace and love to begin working with your children this year.

My name is Clara Cabrera, I was born in the Dominican Republic where I majored in advertising and hold a Master's degree in Marketing. I've been working with children for the past 18 years in the city of New York and in the State of Virginia. This will be my third year working at Lifted Academy. I have two beautiful daughters, Emely (27) and Susan (26). We have been attending Lifted Church since 2018.

Throughout this school year the children will be introduced to a new classroom structure and its ongoing routines. They will learn how to socialize with friends, learn their classmates' names, as well as their colors and shapes. The students will be working on their gross motor development by playing outside, and developing their fine motors skills by tearing paper with their hands, using finger paints, and working with Play-Doh. As we work together with you, we can make this a successful year for your child's overall development.

# MIGHTY 2'S

MS. CLARA CABRERA & MRS. MYRIAM ROJAS

**Please keep in mind the following important dates:**

- Sunday, Aug. 27th: Staff Inauguration Service at Lifted Church @ 11 AM.
- Monday, Sept. 4th: School is closed due to Labor Day holiday.
- Thursday, Sept. 7th: PTF meeting at 6:30 PM.
- Friday, Sept. 8th: Grandparents Day, from 10 AM to 12 PM.
- Wednesday, Sept. 27th: Parent Seminar @ 7 PM

In closing, I want to thank you for allowing me to care for your children. Please remember to bring extra uniforms, underwear, and socks for the children in the event that they have a potty accident and need to be changed. Also, make sure to label their personal belongings so their items don't get mixed up with the other children's things. I will do what I can to help your children grow and succeed. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to ask, I am here to help you and to make sure your children have a great year.

God Bless You,  
Ms. Clara & Mrs. Myriam



Dear families,

Welcome back to a new school year! My name is Mrs. Rebecca and I will be your child's teacher this year! This will be my 13th year teaching and my first year here at Lifted Academy. I live with my husband and 3 children. I attended Miami Dade College where I pursued my teaching degree. On my free time, I love spending time with my children at the park.

My assistant is named Shirley and she will be my helper throughout the year, she has worked here at Lifted for 2 years now. She is Colombian, happily married and has a son as well. Together our mission is for your child to learn as much as they can.

Our Wee Curriculum for three-year old's is very complete and helps us to talk about the integral development of the child. This course has a schedule and routine along with standards that the children can adapt to weekly. We have also started a behavior board in the classroom, which teaches them more about behavior and responsibilities. In this curriculum they will learn all about their ABC's, numbers, shapes, colors, and many other things as well.

Throughout the school year the children will be presented with a class structure and routine, in which we will work on their gross motor skills by learning how to catch large balls, and riding a tricycle.

## BLESSED 3'S

MRS. REBECCA CHIONG &  
MRS. SHIRLEY SERNA

They will also be working on their fine motor skills by dressing up in our home living area, as well as manipulating zippers and snaps.

We are looking forward to a fun-filled year with your child. I have many exciting things planned and can't wait to get started. If you ever have an questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out to us on your Brightwheel App.

May God bless you,  
Ms. Rebecca & Ms. Shirley



# VPK

## MRS. CATALINA DEL REAL & MRS. MARIA JOSE GROSSY

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the 2023-2024 school year! My name is Catalina del Real and I am one of your child's VPK teachers. Having been a VPK teacher for 17 years, I am excited about getting to know each and every one of your children this year. Originally, I moved to United States of America from Colombia, South America in 1992, and have actually been working with children in some kind of capacity ever since. I truly feel this is my calling and I am so blessed to be working here at Lifted Academy for the ninth year.

My name is Maria Jose Grossy. I am originally from Chile, I moved to Miami in 2013, where I also began to attend to this church. I studied Language Education and I have had the chance to work with different age levels throughout my career.

I started working at Lifted Academy in 2017. I had a break when my little girl was born. She is currently 3 and a half and years old and is attending the three year old class with Ms. Rebecca and Ms. Shirley. I am very excited about teaching this class with Ms. Catalina. I know we have an amazing group of students willing to learn so much. I am positive that with the love and support of all you parents and most importantly with God's help, we will have an amazing school year.

The beginning of the VPK year is comprised of reviewing and helping the children understand the rules and procedures of their new environment. We will be focusing this month on social and emotional skills in dealing with new friends and new schedules. Since play is the first language of a child, we will make sure that they are always having fun in the process.

Our curriculum is focused around three major areas: Bible, Language Arts, and Math. We include Art, Social Studies and Science along the way in our learning centers and during outdoor play, but our primary focus is the character and overall development of your child's critical thinking skills. Immediately, your child will begin to recognize his/her name and various sight words around the room, as well as master the phonetic sounds of each letters of the alphabet.

In Math they will begin to visually recognize the numbers 1-30, and be able to count, one-to-one correspondence, with those numbers as well. They will also be learning about graphs, sorting and simple addition and subtraction with objects. Kids love Math!

In regard to Character Development, we will begin this month by learning about how much God loves us and how we need to respect and obey Him and our parents, as that is what God desires in our lives.

Next month you will see a "Star Student" who most clearly exhibits the character traits that we have been working on throughout August and September. Also, you will see a "Student of the Month" emerge who is greatly improving in their academic studies. So, stay tuned to see if your child is the one to be highlighted in next month's newsletter.

**Please keep in mind the following important dates:**

- Sunday, Aug. 27th: Staff Inauguration Service at Lifted Church @ 11 AM.
- Monday, Sept. 4th: School is closed due to Labor Day holiday.
- Thursday, Sept. 7th: PTF meeting at 6:30 PM.
- Friday, Sept. 8th: Grandparents' Day, from 10 AM to 12 PM.
- Wednesday, Sept. 27th: Parent Seminar @ 7 PM

We are looking forward to a very wonderful and enlightening year.

May God Bless you all enormously!  
Mrs. Catalina del Real & Mrs. Maria Jose Grossy

# KINDERGARTEN

MRS. DALIANA CORRALES

Hello Parents,

Welcome to the 2023-2024 school year! Hi, my name is Daliana Corrales, I am originally from Costa Rica and I have been living in Miami since 2007. I studied and became a teacher in San Jose, Costa Rica. I have a Bachelor's degree in Educational Sciences with a major in Bilingual Early Childhood Education. I have been teaching for more than 15, years working with kids in VPK and Kindergarten ages. I love being the first teacher to teach kids how to read and the first one to give them the first steps in formal education. I live with my husband and we have been blessed with three wonderful boys. Daniel, my oldest son, is in 10th grade, David is in 4th grade, and Dylan is here at Lifted Academy in VPK.

Kindergarten is an exciting time as students embark on new adventures in the world of learning. This is a year of important transitions, where the acquisition of new skills in the social field is accelerated. There is an increase in self-esteem, seeing oneself able to read and do mathematical operations, and of course, we want to enrich them spiritually. I hope to make your child's learning experience fun and exciting. More important, I hope to instill in them a lifelong love for Jesus Christ. It is extremely important to keep in mind that we all build on small successes. Each child will progress at his/her own rate, acquiring skills as he/ she is developmentally ready. Maintaining each child's self-esteem and building a secure foundation for future growth will always remain a priority in our Kindergarten class.

My students are getting to know our daily routine. They are getting the idea that they are Elementary students and are really enjoying it. This year kindergarteners will have Languages Arts, Math, and Bible with me. Music classes with our new music teacher Mr. Isaac, Art classes with Mr. Andrew, and P.E. classes with Coach Guillermo.



There are some things I would like you to keep in mind for this year. Our class starts at 8:30 a.m. sharp. Homework will be going home daily and will be checked daily. I will be communicating weekly and as needed through messages on BrightWheel. We will also be using Gradelink to input grades and keep you updated of how your children are performing academically. Every Friday will be Show and Tell day where the children can bring something from home that they would like to share with the class, it also encourages them to talk in front of their classmates.

**Please keep in mind the following important dates:**

- Sunday, Aug. 27th: Staff Inauguration Service at Lifted Church @ 11 AM.
- Monday, Sept. 4th: School is closed due to Labor Day holiday.
- Thursday, Sept. 7th: PTF meeting at 6:30 PM.
- Friday, Sept. 8th: Grandparents Day, from 10 AM to 12 PM.
- Wednesday, Sept. 27th: Parent Seminar @ 7 PM

Thank you for all your support during these first days of school. I believe that a good parent-teacher relationship is necessary for maximum school success. I really appreciated your time when you came to the Parents' Night. It was a pleasure to talk to each of you about the growth and expectations of your child in school.

I sincerely appreciate your anticipated effort and support.

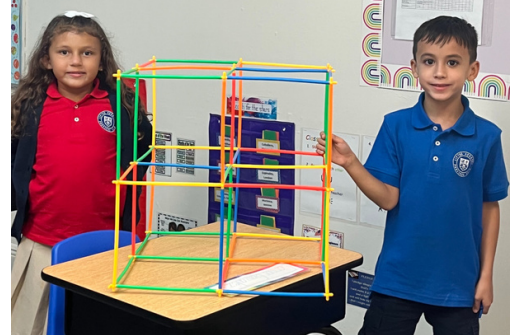
God Bless you,  
Mrs. Daliana Corrales



Hello parents,

I am so glad to start another year here at Lifted Academy. For those of you that do not know me I am Mrs. Barbara Arroyo, but the children can call me Mrs. Barbie. I have a degree in education from Florida International University and teaching is my passion. I have been happily married for 14 years and have an 11- year-old daughter and a 4-year-old son who is in the VPK class here at Lifted Academy. I taught VPK here for 4 years before I had my son and took some time off after he was born to stay home with him. I have been back for 2 years and feel blessed to start another year teaching first grade. We have had a great start of school so far and I expect that it will only get better from here. Even though the children have only been in school for a little over 2 weeks we have accomplished a lot. The children are getting used to our class routine and are really enjoying being first graders. This year the children will continue having elective classes outside of the core classes which I know they all enjoy. They will have music classes with our new music teacher Mr. Isaac, Art classes again with Mr. Andrew, and P.E. classes again with Coach Guillermo. We will continue using My Reading Academy and My Math Academy which have shown to be beneficial programs the children love. We will also finally be incorporating Accelerated Reader, which I am sure the children will love.

There are some things I would like you to keep in mind for this year. Homework will be going home daily and will be checked daily. I will be also sending home reading logs that will be checked daily. Once they fill up a sheet completely, I will send home a new one. I will also be sending home book reports every other week for the children to complete. I will be communicating weekly and as needed through messages on BrightWheel. We will also be using Gradelink again to input grades and keep you abreast on how your children are performing academically. If you have any questions regarding Gradelink please feel free to let me know. I will be sending home a peek of the week every Monday so that you are aware of what is going on in that week and any important upcoming dates.



# 1ST GRADE

MRS. BARBARA ARROYO

Every Friday will be show and tell day where the children can bring something from home they would like to share with the class. Please keep in mind that any valuable items that the children are worried about breaking and items that they are not willing to share with their friends should be left at home. I believe communication with the parents is key so please feel free to message me with any questions or concerns. You can also email me at [barbara@lifted.academy](mailto:barbara@lifted.academy). I believe that if we work together, we can make this a successful year.

I want to take a minute to give a great big thank you to Miss Elaine who has offered to return this year as not only the PTF President but also as our classroom mom. She will be a tremendous help in our classroom. There will be lots of things going on in our school and classroom throughout the year so if you would like to help our class Elaine and myself will be greatly appreciated. Let us make this an amazing year for our children.

- Please keep in mind the following important dates:**
- Sunday, Aug. 27th: Staff Inauguration Service at Lifted Church @ 11 AM.
  - Monday, Sept. 4th: School is closed due to Labor Day holiday.
  - Thursday, Sept. 7th: PTF meeting at 6:30 PM.
  - Friday, Sept. 8th: Grandparents Day, from 10 AM to 12 PM.
  - Wednesday, Sept. 27th: Parent Seminar @ 7 PM

In closing, I want to thank you for entrusting the education of your children to me. I will do everything in my power to help these children grow and succeed and be the best version of themselves. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to ask. I am here to help you and to make sure your children have an amazing school year.

God Bless You,  
Mrs. Barbie

*"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways submit to Him and He will make righteous your path." -Proverbs 3: 5-6*



# 2ND GRADE

MS. LINDSAY RUIZ

Dear Parents,

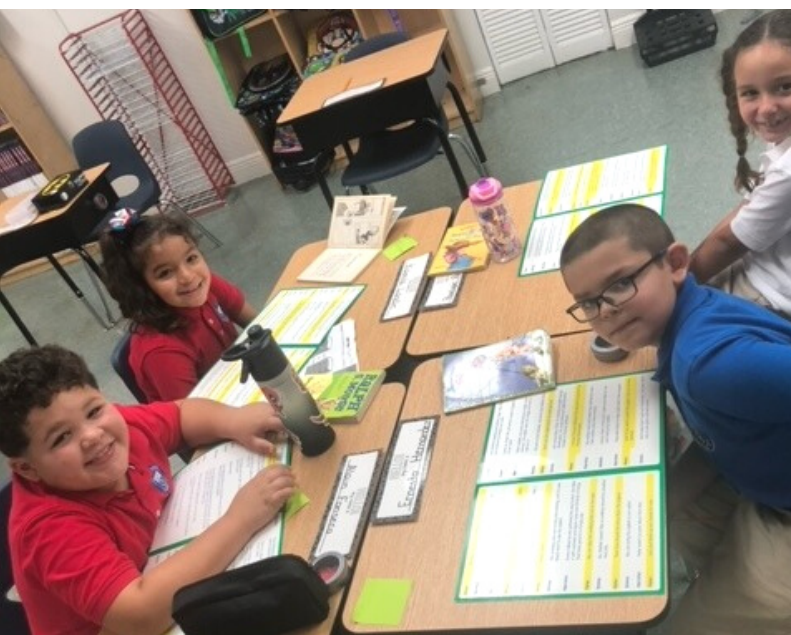
Welcome to the new school year! I hope you had an enjoyable summer. I am very pleased to have your child in my class. I look forward to having a productive and respectful relationship with all parents so that your child will have a wonderful year in 2nd grade. My goal is for students to feel happy in my classroom, to love learning and be successful in Lifted Academy.

I would like to introduce myself: I am Mrs. Ruiz! I was born in New York and my parents are from Ecuador. I graduated from Florida International University with a bachelor's degree in Education. I've been working with children for fifteen years.

I started as a tutor in an after school program for a few years before becoming the Teacher in the program. I've been teaching for twelve years. My purpose as a teacher is to challenge my students to meet all their requirements for the school year, as well as for my students to learn in a fun and educational way. I want your child to reach their full potential.

Feel free to email me if you have any questions or concerns. My email is [mrsruiz@lifted.academy](mailto:mrsruiz@lifted.academy) I am here to help and support my students and parents.

God Bless You,  
Mrs. Ruiz





## 3RD & 4TH GRADE

MS. DANAI PADRON &  
MS. ROSALIE DE ARMAS

Dear Parents,

I am very happy to start this new year at Lifted Academy. For those of you that do not know me, I am Miss. Danai Padron, but the children usually call me Miss. Danai. I am originally from Cuba, but I left in 1998 when I was just 6 years old. I speak both English and Spanish, but English is my strength. Although this is my first year teaching at Lifted Academy, I have been teaching for 6 years now. I have previously taught 2nd through 6th grade as well as a combo 3rd/4th grade class prior to this one. I am thrilled to be teaching along side such an experienced teacher as Mrs. Rosalie de Armas. Ms. Rosalie, as the children fondly call her, has been with Lifted Academy since its inception, 15 years ago. Together, we will make an educationally dynamic duo in providing a wonderful academic experience for each of your children.

We have had a very wonderful week of school and I cannot wait to see what God will continue to do in our students' lives throughout the school year. **Proverbs 22:6 says, "Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it."** We are very excited to help guide your children to make wise decisions in their youth so that they will continue to do so as they get older.

Aside from our class routine, the children will also continue having electives. They will be having Music with Mr. Isaac Corzo every Tuesday and Thursday, Art with Mr. Andrew Exposito on Mondays and Fridays, and, PE with Coach Guillermo Tuesday through Thursdays.

There are a few things I would like to address. I will be communicating through BrightWheel as

necessary, and I will be using Gradelink to post grades and attendance. Homework will be sent home daily in the students' binders and each homework will be checked daily, except on Fridays. On Fridays, the children will be having tests or quizzes each week to check how they are understanding the lessons given.

Those grades will be posted on Gradelink as well. Every Friday will be show and tell day where the children can bring something from home they would like to share with the class. Please keep in mind that any valuable items that the children are worried about breaking and items that they are not willing to share with their friends should be left at home. I believe communication with the parents is key so please feel free to email me at [dpadron@lifted.academy](mailto:dpadron@lifted.academy). I believe that if we work together, we can make this a successful year.

Please keep in mind the following important dates:

- Sunday, Aug. 27th: Staff Inauguration Service at Lifted Church @ 11 AM.
- Monday, Sept. 4th: School is closed due to Labor Day holiday.
- Thursday, Sept. 7th: PTF meeting at 6:30 PM.
- Friday, Sept. 8th: Grandparents Day, from 10 AM to 12 PM.
- Wednesday, Sept. 27th: Parent Seminar @ 7 PM

In closing, I want to thank you for entrusting the education of your children to me. With God's help, I will do everything possible to help these children grow and succeed. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to ask. I am here to help you and to make sure your children have an amazing school year.

God Bless You,  
Ms. Danai

# SCHOOL PICTURES

