

LIFTED ACADEMY

NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 2024



*From Your Staff at LA
Happy New Year!*

SAVE THE DATE!



SCHOOL CLOSED
January 15th: Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday



TEACHER WORKDAY
January 19th: No School for VPK-4th Grade (daycare only). Regular schedule for 2 and 3-year-olds.



100 DAYS OF SCHOOL
January 30th: Celebration and Field Day as kids get creative in marking the 100th day of school.













PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES
January 22nd-26th: To review 1st Semester Report Cards for ALL students at Lifted Academy. Be sure to schedule a conference with your child's teacher now!

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
	1  No School! New Years Day	2	3	4	5	6	
7	8 School Resumes!	9	10  Christian Scouts Clubs 7 PM	11	12	13 MISSIONS  8 AM - 3 PM	
14	15  No School! Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday	16	17  Christian Scouts Clubs 7 PM	18 Chapel  Student Awards 10 AM	19  Teacher Workday No School VPK-4th Gr.	20  Men's & Women's Breakfast 9:30 AM	
21	22 <u>Report Cards & Parent / Teacher Conferences</u>			24 Parent Seminar "The ABC's of Parenting" 7 PM	25 Chapel Honor Roll Awards 10:00 AM	26 PTF Breakfast @Panera's 5:30-9:30AM	27
28	29	30 	31  Christian Scouts Clubs 7 PM				



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Dear Parents,

Happy New Year and Welcome 2024! This is going to be a year of hope and praise. Let me personally begin by praising each and every one of you. God is good and sends us so many wonderful parents each and every year, and this school year has been no exception. The outflowing of love and gifts over the holidays for our staff was unprecedented. Our teachers literally went home with “armfuls” of gifts from you all showering them with gratefulness and appreciation. Thank you all for your kind words to me and to our staff, and for your continual support throughout the year. We all feel the love, not only on special days like Christmas and birthdays, but also with your presence during class field trips, parties, and fundraising events. We, as a staff, are truly blessed here at Lifted Academy.

The new year also brings us thoughts of hope for positive change in our lives and in the

world around us. Hope is a powerful medium. It is at the very core of our faith according to scriptures: **“Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.”** (Hebrews 11:1) Hope is a very real expectation, longing, and desire of better days to come that helps us set our sights on the future instead of getting demoralized or depressed by our current circumstances that may seem overwhelming. This future hope keeps us moving forward. The prophet Jeremiah quotes God who says, **“I know the plans I have for you declares the Lord, plans to prosper you, not to harm you, plans to give you a hope and a future.”** (Jer. 29:11-12)

Unfortunately, the reverse is also so true. Those who lose hope enter into a profound darkness, from which many cannot see the way through. Though they may try with every ounce of their being and intellect to move forward, their emotions tell them there is nothing left to live for. This is often why so many young people commit

suicide. They have literally lost all sense of hope for themselves in this life. The question we are left with then, is where does hope come from? And how do we get it back when we “feel” so lost, before it’s too late.

The writer of Hebrews states that hope is the by produce of faith. Faith is a noun, a possession, it is “the complete trust or confidence in someone or something” according to the dictionary. Consequently, your faith is a variable that can grow and develop over time, based on the relationship you have with whom you place your trust. If your relationship is poor, and the individual or sports team, for example, you believe in continually lets you down, you “lose faith” and your hope wanes that any promises given will ever come true. But, if the one in whom you place your faith is trustworthy, has integrity, and consistently keeps His promises, then your faith increases, and you have great hope for the future because of the one in whom you have placed your trust.



Your faith and hope are only as good as the one in whom you place your trust! In Hebrews Chapter 11, we see a hall of fame of individuals who had great faith throughout the ages. Their hope was firmly planted in God and His promises. These two aspects, faith and hope are eternally intertwined. These hall of famers knew that God could be trusted that His promises are true. They had such faith that He is so trustworthy, they could literally “bet their life” on the hope they professed in Him. Many of them even died before the promises they had hoped for came to fruition and many even died a martyr’s death for holding to the truth of the hope they professed. But all of them ultimately had such a solid faith in the promises of God that their hope sustained them through the most difficult times of their lives.

grounded in your faith in God. The hope in God that we cling to is that of eternal life. How do we attain such hope to sustain our lives? By placing our faith and trust in the one who gave His life for us all that we might live with Him-Jesus Christ, and believing that one day He will return to take us home with Him. God’s Word-the Bible-is full of thousands of promises from our Heavenly Father. There are so many promises in the Bible, than we could never take hold of all of them in this life. If you really want to develop your faith this year and obtain great hope that will last a lifetime, then I implore you to commit to the reading of God’s Word and in developing your relationship more deeply with your Heavenly Father-you will not be disappointed. Let God truly bless your life and the life of your family this coming year.

Where does hope come from? Real hope that you can bet your life on is

In His Love and Service,
Dr. Estelle C. Myers



MIGHTY 2'S

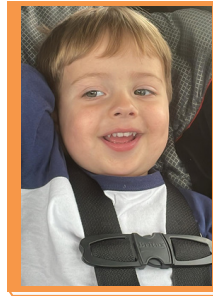
MS. MYRIAM ROJAS &
MS. TIFFANY LUCK

Hello Dear Parents,

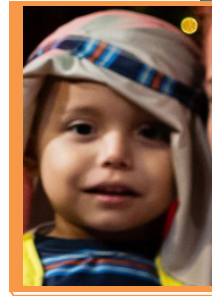
We hope you are all well and enjoying the cooler days of winter. We are pleased to share some highlights from our recent Christmas festivities, where we collectively learned valuable lessons about the meaning of the season.

We looked into the birth of the baby Jesus, emphasizing the precious moments of family unity around the manger. The children captured the idea of love through the humble shepherds and the welcoming animals that surrounded the baby, not only with the preparation of the play, but also in the times of going to chapel every Thursday. Throughout the month, we received a moving reflection on the essence of unconditional love.

We also taught the children that Christmas is not just about receiving gifts but also about giving; simple things like a hug, or saying "I love you", "thank you" and asking for forgiveness without expecting anything in return. We saw these character traits when the children had fun sharing and taking care of each other in game time and when lending their toys. The students were also very creative when decorating the class with the crafts they made, allowing the development of their fine motor skills by painting with their fingers and with a brush, as well as by cutting paper with their fingers. We also had a tactile exercise of



LEVI SEIFERT
STUDENT OF THE MONTH



SAMUEL GONZALEZ
STAR STUDENT

kneading and making cookies together, which was a delightful experience. Our journey together has been a sweet experience.

Our final celebration was a delicious breakfast with Santa. All memories were captured in photos; of gifts given, the outdoor bounce house, building a snowman, enjoying bubble games, and writing with chalk art on the ground. Our Christmas party ended in the classroom where there were surprises as we exchanged gifts that provided an atmosphere of joy and shared laughter.

As we embark on the second half of the year, characterized by winter, we anticipate continued educational exploration as we begin unit 14. "Winter Outside the Window."

Parents, your unwavering support remains an integral part of our collective success. Whether children take on the roles of farmers, play snowmen, or prepare for rainy days, please make sure your child is dressed appropriately with boots and winter coats, prioritizing warmth and dryness.

We will memorize James 5:8 which says: **"Let us be Patient"**. The January activities will be about remembering and emphasizing patience. During our Bible time we will also be reading chapter 2 of the book of Exodus which tells us about Moses, and teaches us the love and patience of God with the people of Israel (Exodus 2:1-33).

Congratulations to the Student of the Month: Levi Seifert. Levi, shares with his companions, supports his teachers and classmates, and shows reverence during prayer. He is fascinated by reading and ensuring that everyone is attentive to the moments of reading. We also congratulate our Star Student: Samuel González. Samuel is characterized by his attention and reflection on all of our assigned tasks, and for following instructions and actively participating in our Christmas play.

I extend my most sincere thanks to everyone for your attention and constant collaboration with our school. Here's to continuing to learn and play with our kids in the New Year! Also, let's enjoy the rain without getting too wet and explore the wonders of snow together.

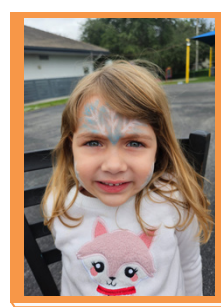
Many Blessings,
Mrs. Myriam Rojas and Mrs. Tiffany Luck



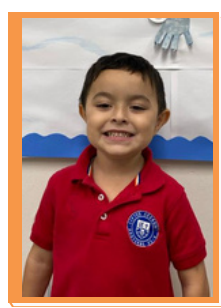
BLESSED 3'S

MRS. SHIRLEY SERNA &
MS. ANDREA BARRETO

December was a beautiful month. The children learned that the reason for Christmas is Jesus. Jesus Christ, the Son of God became man and came to give us salvation. We practiced Christmas songs, the children made nice crafts, and everyone enjoyed the Christmas breakfast with Santa! All month, we reviewed all of the previous units. The character traits we worked on were Joy, Giving and Sharing. The Psalm for this month was "Make a Joyful Shout to the Lord". The theme was God's Gift to Me. The Christmas Show, "The Gift", was a beautiful program where the children did a wonderful job! Thank you to all of our parents for your continued support. We always give thanks for you joining us and enjoying each activity throughout the month.



LIZ SEIFERT
STUDENT OF THE MONTH



NATHANIEL MARTIN
STAR STUDENT

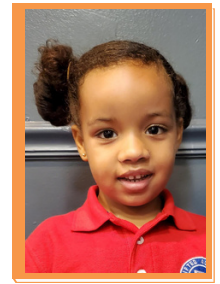
In January we will be working on the Character traits: Patience, Hope and Gentleness. Our verse is: "Let us be patient" James 5:8. Our theme: "God Takes Care Of Me". We will be studying Unit 7 and 8: "I Can Discover Winter". This month we want to congratulate two students who stood out. Liz Seifert is our Student of the Month. She demonstrates that she understands the topics covered and performs the assigned tasks with great attention. Nathaniel Martin is the Star Student of the Month. He is very pleasant and respectful to all his classmate.

I hope you all have a happy and blessed New Year!

Blessings,
Ms. Shirley & Ms. Andrea



CADEN GONZALEZ-ORBEGOSO
STUDENT OF THE MONTH



ATHENA SIMMS
STAR STUDENT

Looking Back...

December was a busy month. The Christmas Program was spectacular and the students really worked hard for their performance. They really enjoyed Santa's Visit and the gift exchange. Thank you so much for all of your input to help make these activities a huge success.

I am looking forward to an exciting new year with high expectations, new events, fun activities and eagerness to learn.

There isn't a better New Year's resolution than what starts in the words of the Apostle Paul in Philippians 3:7-8. He writes, "But whatever was to my profit, I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. What is more, I consider everything a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord for whose sake I have lost all things."

This month our student of the month is Caden Gonzalez. Caden listens, observes and learns well. He pays attention wonderfully during Bible story time, and when questions are asked, Caden can answer them assertively. Great job Caden and keep up the good work! Our Star Student is Athena Simms, Athena is very polite towards all of her friends and teachers, and she is considerate and respectful as well. Congratulations to both of them. May God keep you in the right path at all times!

Looking Ahead

This month our theme will be "Construction Zone". We will learn about building things. Using the topic "I Can Build", we will read stories about tools, materials, buildings, and construction. In the "Build with Me" week, we will learn about solving problems. In "Everybody Build" week, we will learn about how children can plan together to get a job done.

This month in Writing, the children will practice the correct strokes used to make the letters Ll, Mm and Nn. We will work on identifying 10 or more alphabet letters by name. We will also practice writing their full names, and describing objects.

In Reading, the children will continue to add new words to our growing sight word list. We will continue working on creating sentences with the sight words, and understanding their meaning. The children will continue with phonemes, and they will learn ending sounds.

In Math, the children will learn about measuring and comparing the length, height, size, and weight of objects. They will also start problem solving.

In Science, the children will observe, explore, and manipulate simple machines. They will explore how materials change, react, and interact when combined. They will also identify what things are made of.

In Social Studies, the children will learn to describe the different ways people live, work, and play. Children will identify and locate common features at home, in school, and in their neighborhood.

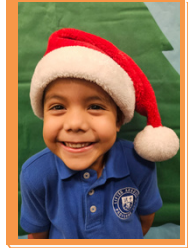
In Bible Time, we will be learning the stories of: "Moses' Parents Wait on God to Protect Their Son", "Moses Frees the Hebrew Slaves in Egypt after 400 Years", "God is Patient and Gives The 10 Commandments", and "The Hebrews Had to Wait 40 Years to Enter the Promised Land". The Bible verse is: "Let Us Be Patient" James 5: 8, and the Character Development traits we will be focusing on are: "Patience, Hope, and Gentleness"

Praying that God will bless you all with a great New Year,

Ms. Catalina del Real
& Ms. Maria-Jose Grossy



JENSEN FARQUHARSON
STUDENT OF THE MONTH



ALEJANDRO CEDENO
STAR STUDENT

KINDERGARTEN

MRS. DALIANA CORRALES

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to school! I wish all of you a very Happy New Year, and that the goals you have set for yourself come true in 2024; full of happiness, success, and new adventures. There may be times when we lose sight of our dreams, and we may not understand the things that take place in our lives; however, we must remember that God loves us and he is in control. Therefore, we can trust Him. God has a plan for each of us.

The Bible verse for December was: "Make a Joyful noise to the Lord". Psalm 100:1. The character traits were joy, giving, and sharing. The children learned the joy of Christmas, by celebrating Jesus' birthday. They also learned why they have to be so grateful to God for sending us his only son.

This month, our Bible verse is:

"Let us be patient"

James 5:8

We will learn the meaning of patience, hope, and gentleness. December was a very exciting month for the Kindergarteners with all their stories about the

elves. They used their journals to write about how they found their elves in the morning that "magically" moved in different places. I enjoyed listening to their stories and looking at their drawings about it. Thank you, parents, for your support and for making their writing so inspirational.

In Math, we did simple addition and subtraction. The students are learning how to read the calendar. For Science, we will continue learning about animals and their characteristics. Starting this week, in class we will be observing some caterpillars. This should be an amazing experience for the students. They will be able to follow closely the metamorphosis of the butterfly.

For Social Studies, we will learn about how to be a good citizen, through the stories of some American presidents such as Abraham Lincoln and George Washington as well as the story of Martin Luther King Jr whose birthday we will celebrate next week.

This month, we have some students that we would like to recognize and congratulate. We want to congratulate Jensen Farquharson as our Student of the Month. Jensen has improved so much; he is doing very well academically and reads very well. He has an excellent memory and answers all the questions correctly. In math, he likes to be challenged all the time. When I ask the class questions, I always give him the hardest one and he gets it right. We also would like to congratulate Alejandro Cedeno as our Star Student. Alejandro has shown the Godly character of love as he is friendly and helpful to everyone. He is kind and respects everyone. Congratulations to both of you and keep up the great work.

Once again, thank you for all your support in our Christmas show, and the thoughtful Christmas presents. I appreciate all you do! If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out as I am here to help you.

God Bless you,
Mrs. Daliana Corrales

1ST GRADE

MRS. BARBARA ARROYO

Hello parents,

Happy New Year everyone! I pray everyone had a restful break. Even though there were only a few weeks of school in December they were chock full of fun. We spent our time learning about the true meaning of Christmas and preparing for our Christmas show. The children did such an excellent job and made me so proud. Thank you all for helping them by practicing at home. The show would not have been a success without your help. After all the business and stress of preparing for the show, the children were able to enjoy an on campus fun day with a bounce house, bubbles, sidewalk chalk and a movie with cookies in class. They also enjoyed a breakfast with Santa where they took pictures with him and got a toy. They also got to enjoy a class party with dancing, musical chairs, a book exchange, and delicious food. Overall, we had a very great two weeks. Now, although we were busy preparing for the Christmas show and all the other fun activities, we still managed to complete our academics. Let us look at what we accomplished in the brief time we had.

In Phonics and English, we learned about all the long vowel sounds. We reviewed what proper nouns are and what verbs are and how to use them. For Math we started learning the clock and how to tell time. For Science, we started learning about our bodies and the functions of different bones in our bodies.

In Heritage Studies, started to learn about the land and the different bodies of water. We also discussed the unit question, "How do we manage the earth's resources?" In Bible, we learned about the real meaning of Christmas and why we as Christians celebrate it. Our Bible verse for the month was "Make a joyful shout to the Lord." Psalm 100:1. Now, before I give you a glimpse of what we will be doing this month academically, there are some students that need to be acknowledged.

I would like to congratulate Jonathan Yanes as our Student of the Month. Jonathan is a very bright student who loves to participate and tries his best in everything he does. He loves to read and does amazing origami art with paper. We also would like to congratulate Ami Castilla as our Star Student. Ami has shown the Godly character of sharing and giving and loves to see her friends happy. She brightens up the room with her daily smiles and encouraging words and spirit. Congratulations to both of you and keep doing the amazing work you do.

Let us now look at what we will be doing academically this coming month. With the holiday season over, we will be going full force in all our subject areas and learning a lot. In Phonics and English, we will be reviewing our long and short vowel sounds and understanding when the letter y is being used as a consonant and when it is being used as a vowel. We will also be doing more writing and learning about topic sentences and detail sentences and how to compose a paragraph using both types of sentences.

In Math, we will continue to learn about the clock, but more in depth. We will learn how to tell time to the hour and the half hour. We will also look at all the parts of a calendar, learn how to read it, and why the calendar is important. We will learn how to point out specific days on the calendar. For Science we will continue to learn about our bodies and how God designed us to survive and grow. We will learn what we can do to keep our bodies healthy. In Heritage Studies we will continue to learn all about our land. We will learn how people use the land and will answer the unit question: "How do we manage the earth's resources?"



JONATHAN YANES
STUDENT OF THE MONTH



AMI CASTILLA
STAR STUDENT

For Bible we will continue in Unit 2. We will learn how the Bible is the standard God gives us to teach us how to love and obey Him. We will also continue to learn about Saul from the Bible. Our Bible verse for the month is "Let us be patient" James 5:8.

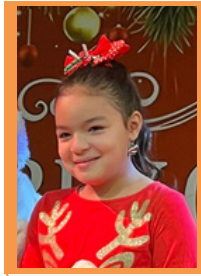
We have some things going on now in January that you will want to be aware of so please be sure and look at the calendar in the newsletter for those events. Be aware that Monday the 15th we will be closed for Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Thank you, parents, for all you do for our children and for helping make our class the success that it is. 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 finish out the year successfully.

God bless you,
Mrs. Barbie

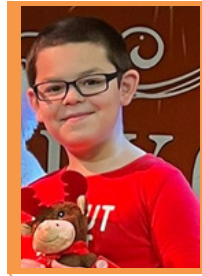


2ND GRADE

MS. LINDSAY RUIZ



KAMILA LANDIN
STUDENT OF THE MONTH



ERNESTO HERNANDEZ
STAR STUDENT

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year! What a great way to end the year then with our Christmas play, "The Gift". I am very proud of all my students' performances. Thank you parents for being so involved and collaborating with us so much during the Christmas play. That same week, the students were so thrilled and excited to have breakfast with Santa and share time together. December was a memorable month for our school and students.

Despite all of the fun, our students still learned so many concepts throughout December. They learned how to write stories using creativity and imaginations. They learned how to write proper paragraphs with the proper punctuations. They learned how the Earth moves through videos and lectures. The students also learned about various cultures in their reading. And of course, they all learned about the birth of Jesus.

In January our learning continues. During English, the students will review Pronouns by using flashcards.

In Math, your second-graders will learn about "Customary Measurement" by solving word problems using various measurements. The students will also learn to identify the length and height of an object. In Science, they will continue learning about our natural resources but with hands-on planet projects.

During Heritage, the students will be introduced to the American Culture by having discussion on how the United States has many national memorials. In Bible time, the students will learn about how to have "A Servant's Heart". The students will also learn different ways to serve Jesus.

Lastly, I would like to congratulate Kamila Landin as our Student of the Month. She is always eager to learn new concepts. Kamila loves helping her teammates in various activities. She is very kind and loves to participate in class. Our Star Student of the Month is Ernesto Hernandez. He is generous to his classmates. Ernesto comes to class prepared and ready to learn. They both have shown a Godly character of love and caring for their classmates.

In closing, I want to thank Karla and Niulvis for doing an amazing job as Room Moms. I am truly grateful for both of you. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to email me. I am always here to help you and the students.

God Bless,
Mrs. Ruiz



3RD & 4TH GRADE

MS. DANAI PADRON &
MS. ROSALIE DE ARMAS

Hello Parents,

The month of December seems to have flown by. It was an exciting month with lots of things happening. The children had a great time with all our Christmas activities, specially singing about Jesus' birth at our Christmas Program. Now that the fun aspects of this month have been mentioned, let's discuss what the children did academically.

Psalm 100:1 says, "Make a joyful shout to the Lord." This month, the students learned that the true meaning of Christmas is the birth of Jesus. The children understood that it is more blessed to give than to receive. In Math, they learned Multiplication and Commutative Properties. In English, they learned proper nouns and abbreviations. In Science, they learned about warm-blooded mammals.

Now that we have gone over what the students learned in the month of December, lets discuss what the students will be learning in the month of January. James 5:8 says, "Let us be patient". The children will be learning the meaning of patient, hope, and gentleness by experiencing times waiting in line, and raising a hand before being called upon.



IVANA CERVERA
STUDENT OF THE MONTH



CONNER CRUZ
STAR STUDENT

In Math, the children will learn how to divide a set of objects into equal sets. In English, they will learn that a personal narrative is a true story that a person tells about himself or herself. In Science, they will be learning about electricity and magnetism.

I would like to congratulate Ivana Cervera as our Student of the Month. Ivana is doing great academically. Ivana has shown improvement in all subjects and she is participating in class. I would also like to congratulate Conner Cruz as our Star Student. Conner is a student that shows thankfulness at all times and he is always trying to help me as well as the other students.

I would like to remind you that we will be having our PTF meeting on Thursday, January 11 th . Thank you, parents, for all that you do for our class. I pray you have a wonderful Christmas holiday and New Year with your families and friends.

God Bless You,
Miss. Danai and Mrs. Rosalie

SCHOOL PICTURES

