

NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2024



Merry Christmas from our house to yours!



CHAPEL AWARDS

Thursday, Dec. 12th @ 10 AM
Join us as we recognize our Star Students and Students of the Month during Chapel Awards!



BREAKFAST WITH SANTA & GIFT EXCHANGE IN CLASS

Thursday, Dec. 20th @ 9:00 AM
Kids enjoy a special breakfast with Santa in their pajamas, Class Parties, & Half-day (early dismissal at 12:30 PM).



CHRISTMAS ON THE GREEN SATURDAY DEC. 14TH @ 4:30

A special Christmas event with bounce houses, a petting zoo, food trucks, pictures with Santa & a special Christmas concert!



LIFTED CHURCH CANDLELIGHT SERVICE: DEC. 24TH @ 6PM

A magical night of worship, where we celebrate the reason for the season.



SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM:

"A Charlie Brown Christmas"
Thursday, Dec. 19th @ 7 PM
Bring family and friends to our amazing Christmas Program presented by all students.



CHRISTMAS BREAK: CLOSED DEC. 23-25 & 31-JAN 1

Daycare for full time students only:
Dec. 26th-27th, 29th & Jan. 2nd-3rd

DECEMBER



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 EXPERIENCING GOD Discipleship @ 7PM	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11 Awana Christian Scouts Clubs 7 PM	12 PTF Parent Teacher Fellowship Zoom Meeting 7PM	13	14 CHRISTMAS on the Green @ 4:30pm
15	16 Experiencing God Discipleship Celebration @ 7PM	17	18 Awana Christmas Karaoke & Cookies Family Night 7 PM	19 Christmas Program "A Charlie Brown Christmas" @7pm	20 Breakfast with Santa 9:30am (dismissal 12:30 PM)	21
22	23 MERRY CHRISTMAS Church and School Closed	24 Candle Light Service @ 6PM	25 MERRY CHRISTMAS Church and School Closed	26 DAYCARE ONLY	27	28
29	30 DAYCARE ONLY	31 Church and School Closed	Jan 1 Happy New Year Church and School Closed	Jan 2 DAYCARE ONLY	Jan 3	Jan



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DR. ESTELLE C. MYERS

“The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned... For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.” Isaiah 9:2, 6

Dear Parents,

The holidays are upon us. If you all are anything like the rest of us here at Lifted Academy, you all are probably very busy decorating, getting those Christmas lists together for gift shopping, and making holiday plans for those special gatherings with family and friends. In other words, busy, busy, busy! But sometimes, especially at this time of the year, we all need to take a step back and remind ourselves what this season is truly all about.

Christmas is all about faith, hope, and most of all love. This beautiful trinity of traits comes from the one in whom we place our faith, our Heavenly Father; and it is through the first coming of His Son, Jesus, whose birth we celebrate this month, that we are given eternal hope of salvation for our souls. All of which is done out of the Father's love for all of mankind.

Most people can quote John 3:16, but not many realize the reason for this verse as seen in the following verses in John 3:17-18:

“For God so loved the world, that He gave His one and only Son, that whosoever believes (has faith) in Him, should not perish, but have eternal life (the ultimate hope). For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through Him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God's one and only Son. This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but people loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil.”

This revelation of light coming into a dark world was prophesied about by the prophet Isaiah over 600 years prior to the birth of Jesus, the Messiah. Why do we celebrate the birth of Jesus at Christmas time? Because the world was on a downward spiral without hope, without faith, and without love for one another. This world was in desperate need of a savior. We celebrate the fact that Jesus came to save us, thus our Easter celebration when the crowds yelled, “Hosanna to the King” where the very word means “save us”, thus reflecting the hope the people saw in the coming of Jesus into Jerusalem, prior to his crucifixion, burial, and resurrection.

Christmas is one of the single most celebrated events on the Christian calendar, second only to Easter; for without the first coming of Jesus, there would be no salvation for God's children. But God had a plan for His people, “... plans to give you hope and a future” (Jer. 29:11). The apostle Peter reminds us, “God is not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.” (II Peter 3:9) The Christ child that we celebrate this season, is truly the reason for our hope, for our faith, and the understanding of true love. Left to ourselves without Jesus, we would be like the children in the famous classic, Lord of the Flies by William Golding; we would be total anarchists, not caring about anyone else but ourselves.

But God... He comes along and demonstrates true love in sending His Son to die for our sins, so that we might have the hope of being with Him eternally. This is real hope! This is real love! And it all comes through placing your real faith in the one who created you and gave you a real purpose in this life, for both you and your offspring. God is real. This Christmas, I pray that you will come to discover a real relationship with Jesus whose birthday we celebrate with such festive joy. He is the real light in this world who can only bring real peace into your life both today and for all of eternity!



Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her king. Let every heart, prepare Him room. And heaven and nature sing!

He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove, the glories of His righteousness, and wonders of His love!

May your family experience the true love and peace of Jesus this Christmas as you celebrate His birth together.

Merry Christmas!
Dr. Estelle C. Myers
School Administrator

PS - I put this out in last year's newsletter, but it's worth repeating:

This Christmas, in particular, there are many ways to show your love to your child right here at school. You may have heard of the Twelve Days of Christmas, well here I am going to give you the Twelve "Ways" of Christmas to share love with your child:

1) Make sure you bring your children to school on time each day, especially these next three weeks, as we are rehearsing diligently for their formal school Christmas program, A Charlie Brown Christmas. (LOL- I just had to throw that one in for good measure!)

2) Bring your child, family, and friends to see a Christmas Program or share together an outdoor Christmas event. You all are invited to attend our outdoor Christmas on the Green, Saturday, December 14 th from 4:30- 8:30 pm. We will have crafts for the kids, free hot chocolate and cookies while visiting with Santa, a petting zoo and bounce houses at 4:30 pm, then at dark with we will be having special Christmas songs presented on stage, along with a short message from our very own Pastor Mike. Please bring a blanket and all your family and friends for an evening of yuletide festivities and joy.

3) Attend church each Sunday to celebrate the birth of Christ throughout the Advent Season.

4) Bring your entire family to see your child's program on Thursday evening, December 19th, at 7:00 PM. (Children need to be dressed and in their classrooms by 6:30 pm.)

5) Take your child out to purchase a book to exchange with a classmate at their class Christmas parties on Thursday, December 21st.

6) Take your child Christmas shopping and buy a gift for them to give to someone in need.

7) Come and have Breakfast with Santa on Friday morning with your child, December 20th at 9 AM. (Don't forget school closes half day at 12:30 pm that day.)

8) Go ice skating at the local rink down the street and have a cup of hot chocolate later.

9) Bake Christmas cookies with your child, decorate them, and then eat them or give them away to a neighbor.

10) Bring your child and the entire family to our annual Christmas Eve Candle Light Service on December 24th at 6 pm to celebrate Jesus' birthday.

11) Read the Christmas story from a child's Bible with your child before he/she goes to bed on Christmas Eve. (And don't forget the classic "The Night Before Christmas".)

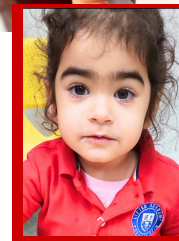
12) Celebrate the birth of our Savior with your entire family on Christmas Day!

I do hope that you will take my list seriously and take the time to see how many of these 12 Ways of Christmas you can accomplish by December 25- you can do it!

Thank you parents for participating in our Food Drive and Operation Christmas Child shoebox collections throughout the month of November. We were able to feed over 40 families and send over 900 shoe boxes all over the world. Congratulations to Ms. Yani's 1 st Grade class and Ms. Catalina's VPK class for bringing in the most food and Ms. Myriam's 2 year old class for bringing in the most shoeboxes! All classes will be rewarded with a special class party at the time of their choosing. Way to go kids! Keep up the great work!

May you and your family have a wonderful Christmas celebration and a truly blessed New Year!





ELENA ALSAYEGH
STUDENT OF THE MONTH

ETHENA MEDINA
STAR STUDENT

MIGHTY 2'S

MRS. MYRIAM ROJAS &
MS. JANA E SANTIAGO



Dear Parents,

It has been a truly beautiful and blessed holiday, and we greet you with hearts full of gratitude and joy. We have so much to be thankful for—the Lord’s goodness in our lives, in our school, and, of course, in each of our homes.

The spirit of thankfulness has been the central theme of our fall projects, and we are so proud to share how your little ones have embraced this teaching with such enthusiasm. Together, we’ve learned that giving thanks to God in all things and at all times is a way to recognize His love and provision in our lives.

The Fall Open House/Spaghetti Dinner was a wonderful gathering filled with joy and fellowship. The children were so excited to present their crafts and first-quarter projects, along with the decorations they lovingly made as gifts for mom and dad.

Thanks to your support and collaboration, our class has achieved wonderful milestones. We were recognized as the best-decorated fall class. We contributed 52 boxes to Operation Christmas Child, bringing joy to children around the world. During the Thanksgiving Luncheon, the children were radiant and happy, sharing this special moment with their parents, classmates, and teachers.

Each morning, the children began their day with heartfelt prayers of gratitude, demonstrating sincerity and generosity that deeply moved us. Through their words and gestures, they reminded us all of the importance of valuing the simple, yet significant things in life: the love of family, friendship, and the time we share together.

Our Theme for December is “God’s Gift to Me.” This month, we will focus on the greatest gift God has given us: His only son, Jesus. We will learn about: “The Birth of Jesus In Bethlehem ”(Luke 2:1-7); “The Angels and Shepherds Sharing the Good News” (Luke 2:8-20); “The Wise Men Following The Star and Bringing Gifts” (Matthew 2:1-12). We will conclude the month with the Christmas celebration at school before heading into the holiday break.

It will be a time full of creativity, crafts, songs, and preparations for our Christmas play, centered on the theme: “God’s Gift to Me.” We want the birth of Jesus to live in our hearts, our homes, and, of course, in our 2’s class.

Our Student of the Month is Elena Alsayegh. Elena has integrated beautifully into the class with her captivating personality. She plays with all of her classmates and enthusiastically participates in every activity. She is very organized with her projects and crafts. Our Star Student is Ethena Medina. Ethena is kind and loving with her classmates. She enjoys painting in pink and playing with dolls. She is always attentive to keeping everything tidy and in order.

In this season of reflection, we sincerely thank you for trusting us to be part of your children’s development. Watching them grow in wisdom, kindness, and love for the Lord is a blessing we treasure deeply. We pray that the Christmas season and the arrival of a new year will be a special time for your families, filled with togetherness, laughter, and, above all, gratitude. May the Lord continue to pour out His grace and blessings on your homes.

With gratitude and affection,
Mrs. Myriam Rojas & Ms. Janae Santiago





BLESSED 3'S

MS. KATHLYN DIAZ &
MS. SHIRLEY SERNA



Hello Parents!

Happy December! Can you believe we are almost at the end of 2024? November was such a joyful month in our 3's class, and the children have grown so much over the past few months. Their enthusiasm for learning each day has been inspiring!

Let's take a look back at November. We focused on meaningful Bible stories. Our Bible theme for the month was "I Am Thankful," and we emphasized the verse, "Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good" (Psalm 106:1). Throughout the month, we explored important character traits such as thankfulness, peace, and listening/understanding.

The children also worked on recognizing the shapes: triangle and rhombus; and the colors: brown and white. November was filled with exciting activities! We kicked off the month with our Pumpkin Patch Field Trip, where the children had a blast exploring The Berry Farm. A big thank you to the parents who volunteered to help chaperone—we couldn't have done it without you! We also had our Fall Open House, and we want to express our gratitude to the parents who made time to join us. It was wonderful seeing you enjoy the work and crafts your children have been creating since the beginning of the school year.

Another highlight was our Thanksgiving Luncheon. It was such a blessing to have parents involved in our school events, and we want to say thank you once again for your presence and participation. I would also like to extend a special thanks to those who donated to our Thanksgiving Food Drive and Operation Christmas Child. Your generosity reflects the true spirit of giving, and we are so grateful. As 2 Corinthians 9:7 reminds us, **"Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."** Thank you to everyone who contributed!



VALENTINO SIRIANI
STUDENT OF THE MONTH



ELIZABETH HERNANDEZ
STAR STUDENT

We also want to take a moment to celebrate two special students for their hard work and positive attitude. Congratulations to Valentino Siriani, our Student of the Month! Valentino has grown so much this year. He's become passionate about completing our daily crafts and activities, and his enthusiasm for learning shines through everyday. He comes to school every day with a big smile! Our Star Student is Elizabeth Hernandez. Elizabeth is a kind and empathetic friend who always looks out for others. She is always willing to share and has a forgiving heart. We are so proud of both of you!

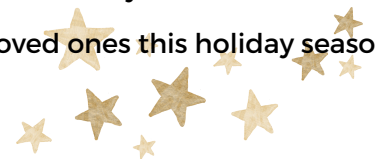
Looking ahead to December, we have even more exciting plans for the month! Our Bible theme will be God's Gift To Me, and our verse of the month is "Make a joyful shout to the Lord" (Psalm 100:1). The character traits we'll explore are joy, giving, and sharing—especially meaningful as we enter this season of giving. The following are the Bible stories we'll be studying. Week 1: "Baby Jesus is Born In Bethlehem" (Luke 2:1-7); Week 2: "The Angels and Shepherds Spread the Good News" (Luke 2:8-20); Week 3: "The Wise Men Follow the Star and Bring Gifts" (Matthew 2:1-12). In addition to these Bible stories, we'll explore Unit 11: "I Can Discover Winter" and Unit 9: "Christmas is Special." We will be focusing on the letters Hh and Ii, as well as the numbers seven and eight. The colors we'll emphasize this month are silver and green, which will help us celebrate the Christmas season!

As we continue our journey together, we encourage you to reinforce the topics covered in class with your child at home. Simple activities, discussions, and reading together can greatly enhance their learning experience and make these lessons even more meaningful.

We are so grateful for your ongoing support and involvement in your child's education. It's truly a blessing to be part of such a wonderful community of families.

May God bless you and your loved ones this holiday season!

Ms. Kat & Ms. Shirley





SAVANNAH SHELDON
STUDENT OF THE MONTH

KIMBERLY PORTAL
STAR STUDENT



MRS. CATALINA DEL REAL & MRS. MARIA JOSE GROSSY

Looking Back...

November marked the beginning of the holiday season. The children had various activities relating to the Thanksgiving holiday. They happily practiced and performed their songs and made their placemats for the Thanksgiving luncheon. We would like to send a special "thanks" to all the parents who participated in the luncheon. Our campus field trip with "The Farm", was a huge success with the kids. The children interacted very well with all kinds of different animals. However, their favorite part was riding the ponies.

Congratulations to our Student of the Month, Savannah Sheldon. It's amazing how fast Savannah is learning the sight words, counting, doing puzzles, etc. Above all, Savannah loves to play in the Dramatic Play Area, and loves to work at Writing Area. Excellent job, Savannah! Our Star Student is Kimberly Portal. Kimberly is an active and joyful little girl. She helps her friends in so many ways. She is always polite to all of her friends and teachers. Thank you Kimberly for doing such a great job! Congratulations to both. May God keep you on His right path at all times!

Looking Ahead...

Christmas is here and with it the end of the year 2024. Now is a time of reflection and change for many, and to come to realized that the real meaning of Christmas is the celebration of the birthday of our Savior, Jesus Christ! Joanna Fuchs expresses this reminder so well in her poem "Practice Jesus":

If we practiced Jesus every way, it'd be like Christmas every day. If we, like Him, were meek and mild, and loved each woman, man and child. If we'd read our Bible, it'd remind us, so that every single day would find us. More and more in sweet accord with our sweet Jesus--Master, Lord. Then every day that we're alive, would be like December 25.

By Joanna Fuchs

This month our theme is "Animals Everywhere". We will learn about all kinds of animals. Using the topic "I Love Animals", we will read stories about wild animals, farm animals, and pets. The second week we will learn about "Animals We Know" and the third week we will learn about "Animals on Land and Sea." In writing the children will practice the correct strokes used to make the letters Ff, Aa, and Zz. We will work on trying to identify 10 or more letters by name. Along with letters we will describe objects beginning with the same sounds. In Reading the children will continue to add new words to our growing sight word list. We will continue working on the sequence of a story, drawing conclusions, categorizing, predicting, describing similarities and differences, identifying content specific vocabulary, and practicing independent writing such as letters, words and their names. In Math the children will use numbers to estimate, describe similarities, differences, and sorting. We will talk about data from graphs and identify the use of a calendar. In Social Emotional/Content the children will continue to follow class rules and routines, respect others, ask for help, and understand responsibility for caring for the environment and living things.

In Bible Time, we will hear the stories of: "Jesus Was Born in Bethlehem;" "The Angels and the Shepherds Spread the Good News;" and "Wise Man Follow the Star and Bring the Gifts". The Bible verse is: **"Make a joyful shout to the Lord" Psalm 100:1.** For the Character Development traits, we will be focusing on: "Joy," "Giving," and "Sharing."

We wish you a very Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year. Many blessings to all of our Lifted Academy families!

Mrs. Catalina del Real & Mrs. Maria Jose Grossy





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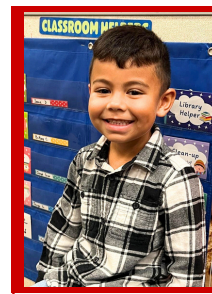
MRS. MABYS GONZALEZ & MRS. MARIANA CORZO

Hello Parents,



The month of November was filled with thankfulness and joy. The students had fun playing together at “The Berry Farm” and preparing for their Thanksgiving Show. They worshipped God singing “Way Maker” and “Friend of God” at our Thanksgiving Celebration. They performed their best and shone like a diamond.

This month of December we are focusing on Psalm 100:1 that reads “Make a Joyful Shout to the Lord.” The character traits are joy, giving and sharing as we learn about who is the reason for the season, our Lord Jesus Christ. In our subject areas we continue to encourage students to love and enjoy learning. In Reading, we are working on memorizing our sight words to learn to read more fluidly. In Language Arts, we continue to work on phonics and blending the sounds. In Math, we are learning addition and subtraction and the students are quickly mastering these concepts. In our electives, students are inspired to dream, create and explore.



THIAGO GROSSY
STUDENT OF THE MONTH

JULIO ARROYO
STAR STUDENT

All of our students are wonderful, but this month we would like to congratulate Julio Arroyo and Thiago Grossy for being role models in our classroom. Thiago is our Student of the Month because of his wonderful behavior and kindness. Julio Arroyo is our Star Student because he shows a love for learning and a thankful heart.

This month of December we will be having several activities for everyone to enjoy the season. Make sure to mark your calendars and join us as we glorify His name alone. Thanks to you, parents, for your constant support that makes all the difference.

May God bless you and your families!



Ms. Mabys & Ms. Mariana





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JENSEN FARQUHARSON
STUDENT OF THE MONTH



KAI VEGA
STAR STUDENT

1ST GRADE

MRS. YANILET DIAZ



Hello parents,

During the month of November, the students were Native Americans and sang; "I thank God" and "10,000 Reasons" in our Thanksgiving Celebration Day. The students worked hard to prepare the songs and were able to perform their best. I am very proud of each one of them.

The students loved purchasing items at the Scholastic Book Fair. The Field trip to the Berry Farm was a lot of fun the students had a wonderful time.

This month of December, our focus is on **Psalm 100:1 "Make A Joyful Shout To The Lord"**. The character traits are joy, giving, and sharing to learn the true meaning of Christmas, the birth of Jesus.

In our subject areas, we continue to push for more fluency in Reading. We will also start with Accelerated Reader (AR) books. We asked that you read one book per week and take an AR test. This will reflect in their grade for each month. In Phonics, we continue to learn long and short vowel sounds.

In Math, we are introducing Time and Calendar while continuing to add and subtract with more frequency. In Bible, we will be learning about the Psalms, and Thanksgiving. In Heritage Studies, we will be learning more about the beautiful land God created. In Science, we will start learning about our bodies. We will do a project in class to see how our lungs work and continue learning about different body parts.

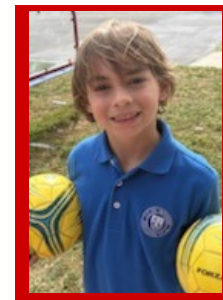
The Student of the Month is Jensen Farquharson. He is very dedicated to his school work and shows forth maximum effort. Jensen loves to participate in class and is a very attentive student. Congratulations to Kai Vega, our Star Student of the month. He is a good listener and shows a grateful heart.

This month of December we will be having our Christmas Show on Thursday, December 19, from 7-8:30 PM. There will be daycare for full time students only on December 26-27, Dec. 30, and Jan. 2-3. School will be closed from December 23 - January 3. The classes will resume January 6th, 2025.

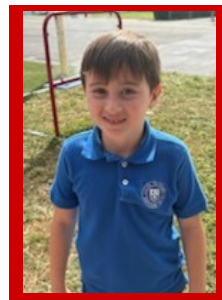
Thank you, parents, for all your help and donations. I couldn't have done it without all your help and support.

Best regards,
Mrs. Yanilet Diaz





NATHAN BONILLA
STUDENT OF THE MONTH



ALESSANDRO CABALLERO
STAR STUDENT



2ND GRADE

MS. DANAI PADRON

Hello parents,

As we reflect on the month of November, the children have had a great month full of learning activities. One of the highlights this last month was the field trip to the Berry Farm, they had a great day with their classmates. This month, we also had the book fair, and the children were able to pick their favorite books.

In December, our focus will be on Psalm 100:1, which reminds us, **“Make a joyful shout to the Lord.”** The character traits for this month are joy, giving, and sharing. The children will learn that the true meaning of Christmas is the birth of Jesus. The students will learn why it is more blessed to give than to receive.

In our subject areas, we continue to follow grade-level standards. In English, the students are learning about adding “s” or “es” to make plurals. In Mathematics, they are learning about expanded form and adding 10 more or 10 less.

I am delighted to announce our Student of the Month, Nathan Bonilla, who has been doing an outstanding job in class. He always makes sure to finish all his classwork, as well as his homework and he shows character traits of thankfulness and listening. Congratulations also to Alessandro Caballero, our Star Student, for consistently demonstrating obedience, and responsibility.

Please mark your calendars for some important upcoming dates: on December 19th, we will be having our Christmas show at 7:00 PM. Then, on the 20th, it will be a half day and we will be having Breakfast with Santa, class parties, and a book exchange.

Lastly, I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to all of you for your unwavering support and dedication to our class. Your involvement makes a significant difference in your child’s education.

May God bless you and your families!
Ms. Danai





3RD GRADE

MS. LINDSAY RUIZ



Hello parents,



Our Thanksgiving show was a wonderful success! I am incredibly proud of all the students. They did a fantastic job on stage, and it was heartwarming to gather as a family. The students were thrilled to show off their crafts and their Thanksgiving performance. Now, we're diving into preparations for our Christmas program. December truly is the most wonderful time of the year! This month, the students will participate in various festive activities, including: Gingerbread house making, Ornament painting, Experiments and STEAM projects, as well as a Tree decorating contest. We are also practicing for the Christmas play: "A Charlie Brown Christmas."

Phonics & English: We worked on singular and plural pronouns and reviewed subjects and verbs in sentences. **Math:** The students explored multiplication in interactive ways. **Bible Class:** We discussed having a "Humble Heart" through meaningful stories. **Science:** Our focus was on "How Matter Moves," with hands-on STEAM experiments. **Heritage Studies:** We studied "Europe," engaging in vocabulary discussions and cultural insights.

Looking Ahead: December Topics

Phonics & English: Introduction to story writing, essay types, and the use of adjectives/adverbs. Students will practice writing proper paragraphs with clear sentences, complete thoughts, and correct punctuation. **Math:** Introduction to division using models and manipulatives. **Science:** Learning about cells, tissues, organs, and systems through experiments and lectures.



GIANNA CEDO
STAR STUDENT

ERNESTO HERNANDEZ
STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Bible Class: Exploring the story of Jesus' birth, focusing on: Baby Jesus in Bethlehem, The Angels and Shepherds Spread the Good News and The Wise Men Follow.

Star Student & Student of the Month

Giana Cedo is our Star Student. She is polite, kind, and generous, fostering a warm classroom atmosphere. She actively participates in discussions and excels academically. Ernesto Hernandez is our student of the month. He shows peace and understanding, bringing Godly characteristics into the classroom. He comes prepared and eager to learn, inspiring his peers with his positive attitude.

Parent Tips

Encourage daily reading for at least 30 minutes. For AR books, have your child review the story before quizzes. Check your child's folder for new materials and weekly reviews. Sign their agenda daily to stay updated on assignments. Thank you for your partnership in supporting your child's learning. Feel free to reach out with any questions.

God Bless You,

Ms. Ruiz





4TH & 5TH GRADE

MRS. BARBARA ARROYO & MS. ROSALIE DE ARMAS

Hello parents,

November flew by so quickly, and it's hard to believe the Christmas season is already here. As Thanksgiving is a time to reflect and give thanks, we want to highlight all the wonderful experiences and accomplishments we shared this past month.

The children had a fantastic time at our on-campus book fair, selecting books and treats to enjoy. We also hosted a memorable Fall Open House and Spaghetti Dinner, where the children proudly showcased their work. Thank you to all the parents who joined us to celebrate their efforts!

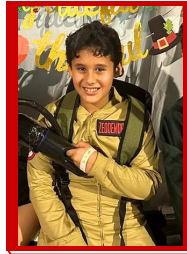
In the spirit of giving, the children contributed to meaningful projects, including packing boxes for Operation Christmas Child (OCC) and donating canned goods for our Thanksgiving food drive. Your generosity made a difference—thank you!

One of the highlights was our Thanksgiving lunch, where the children dressed as pilgrims and shared the story of the first Thanksgiving on stage. Their performance was outstanding, and we are so proud of their hard work. Spending time with friends and family during the lunch and starting Thanksgiving recess early brought everyone joy, especially the children, who cherished their week off to rest and recharge.

While the month brought much to celebrate, it also brought heartache. At the start of Thanksgiving break, Olivia and her family experienced a tragic accident. Olivia and her mom sustained injuries and are currently recovering in the hospital. Sadly, Olivia's grandmother, Alina, passed away. Alina was a wonderful, godly woman who will be deeply missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with Olivia and Lisette during this difficult time. Please know we are here to support you in every way possible.



MIA CASTILLA
STAR STUDENT



RAFAEL MAESTRE
STUDENT OF THE MONTH

We are thrilled to recognize two outstanding students. Our Student of the Month is Rafael Maestre-Quiroz, for his academic excellence and enthusiastic participation in class discussions. Our Star Student is Mia Castilla, for being a kind and supportive friend to everyone. Congratulations, Rafael and Mia—keep up the fantastic work!

Looking Ahead

Here's what the children will be learning this December. Phonics and English: Proper usage of verbs for both 4th and 5th graders. Math: 4th Grade: Multiplication with a 1-digit multiplier. 5th Grade: Improper fractions, mixed numbers, and simplifying fractions. Bible: 4th Grade: Exploring God's omnipotence. 5th Grade: Learning about Moses and his reverence for God. Science: 4th Grade: Concluding their study of vertebrates. 5th Grade: Continuing to learn about matter. Heritage Studies: 4th Grade: Discovering the Golden Age of American history. 5th Grade: Diving into the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution, and the Revolutionary War.

Though December is a short month, we are confident the children will learn and grow while enjoying fun activities along the way. Be sure to check out our December calendar for all the upcoming events, activities, and any special notes.

Thank you for your unwavering support—it truly makes a difference in our classroom's success. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out. Together, we'll ensure your children have a wonderful school year.

God bless you,
Mrs. Barbie and Ms. Rosalie



SCHOOL PICTURES



SCHOOL PICTURES



Olivia, a student so bright,
Sits with her grandmother, a
warm delight.
A certificate in hand, a proud
smile so wide,
"Student of the Month" she
can't hide.

Her grandmother's arm, a
loving embrace,
A bond between them, a
special place.
The camera's click, a moment
so fine,
A memory to treasure, a love so
divine.

In this moment, they share a
glee,
A pride in Olivia, a love so free.
A grandmother's love, a
guiding light,
Shining bright on Olivia, day
and night.



CHURCH EVENTS

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD: TOY SHOEBOX OUTREACH

We have collected a total of 1,050 shoeboxes from our congregation, 73 from Lifted Academy, and 9,073 from the West Kendall community. Our grand total, including other areas of the SW Miami Area, is of 24,782 shoeboxes. Thank you for making all the difference!

MEN'S & WOMEN'S DISCIPLESHIP CLASS

Monday, Dec. 16th, at 7:00 PM

Join us for a men's and women's discipleship class with the "Experiencing God" book by Henry Blackaby. The women will be celebrating Christmas together at Estelle Myers' home and the men will be a few houses down at P. Dann Seifert's home.

CHRISTMAS TREES FUNDRAISER

Purchase your Douglas Fir Christmas tree outside in our parking lot and support our Church & School fundraiser!

CHRISTMAS ON THE GREEN

Saturday, Dec. 14th from 4:30 - 7:00 PM

Invite your friends and family and wear your favorite Christmas sweater for a fun evening of fellowship, petting zoo, bounce houses, great food, pictures with Santa and Christmas music specials!

LIFTED ACADEMY CHRISTMAS SHOW: "A Charlie Brown Christmas" - Thursday, Dec. 19th at 7:00 PM

You and your family are invited to a spectacular Christmas from all of our Lifted Academy students, followed by sweet Christmas treats in the Cafe.

CHRISTMAS CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

Tuesday, Dec. 24th from 6:00 - 7:30 PM

We will have our annual Christmas Candlelight service with special Christmas worship, an inspirational message from Pastor Mike, followed by Christmas cookies and hot cocoa.



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