

NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 2025



Happy New Year!

SAVE THE DATE!



CARNIVAL FUNDRAISER
From Jan. 9-19th
Support our school fundraiser
by visiting the Carnival.



TEACHER WORKDAY
January 17th: No School for
VPK-4th Grade (daycare only).
Regular schedule for 2 and 3-
year-olds.



SCHOOL CLOSED
January 20th: Martin Luther
King Jr. Holiday











100 DAYS OF SCHOOL
January 28th: Celebration and
Field Day as kids get creative in
marking the 100th day of school.



PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES
January 21st-24th: To review 1st
Semester Report Cards for ALL
students at Lifted Academy. Be
sure to schedule a conference
with your child's teacher now!



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
			1  No School! New Years Day	2	3	4	
5	6 School Resumes!	7	8  Christian Scouts Clubs 7 PM	9 Carnival begins! PTF Meeting 6:30pm	10	11 MISSIONS GARAGE SALE 8 AM - 3 PM	
12	13	14	15  Christian Scouts Clubs 7 PM	16 Chapel  Student Awards 10 AM	17  Teacher Workday No School Day Care Only	18	
19 Carnival ends!	20  No School! Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday	21 <u>Report Cards & Parent / Teacher Conferences</u>		22	23 Honor Roll Awards 10:00 AM	24	25
26	27	28 	29 Parent Seminar 7:00 PM 	30	31		



THE PRINCIPLES OF THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents,
 Happy New Year! Welcome back to 2025. The new year brings with it new beginnings, new hopes and new dreams of what can be in the year to come. It reminds me of my favorite verse growing up:

“I know the plans I have for you”, declares the Lord, “Plans to prosper you, and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.” (Jer. 29:11)

This verse had significant meaning to a young girl who grew up in a very dysfunctional home, with very little money, influence, or hope of ever leaving her hometown in California. But when I became a Christian at the age of 12, I began to read the promises of God throughout the scriptures and to learn about the nature and character of God; our Heavenly Father who loves us so and desires the very best for our lives. The more I read in my teen years, the more I came to realize that if I were to follow the influence of the Holy Spirit in my life and obey the principles set forth in God’s Word, the Bible, that my life would be blessed. And so, my journey began at the age of 15 as I dedicated my life to full time Christian service. Throughout my journey, and in every twist and turn of events, both good and bad, I learned that obedience truly does bring blessings.

Too often in the Christian life, we read scriptures that we know are meaningful, but we don’t learn to apply them to our personal lives. The greatest sermon ever written is found in the book of Matthew, chapters 5-7; we call it the Sermon on the Mount. Jesus wrote it. And if you ask the average church goer if they have ever heard of the “Sermon on the Mount”, they would immediately respond in the positive, “Oh yes, I know about that sermon, Jesus preached it- right?” And of course, they would be right. But if you were to pry a little further to ask whether or not they could remember any principles within the sermon to live by, the majority would look at you, like a deer in the headlights, and say: “Well, uh, not really, I’ve just heard about it.” And what a shame that is.

Here we are in the 21 st century with the ability of computers to actually read the passage to you without you even looking it up, and yet, you haven’t taken the time to listen to the greatest sermon ever spoken by the greatest man who ever lived...? Take a moment to let that sink in. What is wrong with that picture? Are we so prideful and arrogant to think that we know better than the Son of God Himself? That we don’t have to listen to what He has to say, let alone follow his precepts? And then we wonder why our lives are not going as planned? We complain about our families falling apart, our finances crumbling, our society going to pot- literally, and we just can’t seem to figure out what went wrong? Seriously? The British wouldsay, are we truly that “daft”? (Look that one up in Webster’s dictionary!)

Unfortunately, the answer is yes! But, if you really want to see change in the new year, you must begin to be intentional to seek the wisdom of the only one that can bring real change into your life- God Almighty. Bottom line is this, you either believe that He exists and is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him (Hebrews 11:6), or He is not. There is no in-between, no gray space, no middle of the road on this one. You will either take a step of faith and seek out God with all your heart, soul, mind and strength and watch your life be transformed right before your eyes, or next year will be the same as last year and the year before that, and the year before that. (By the way, how is that working out for you?)

Yes, many love my favorite verse too, but most do not go on to the next three verses in Jeremiah 29:12-14,

“Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. I will be found by you,” declares the Lord.”

You see, there is a “conditional clause” – “when you seek me with all your heart”. This requires something from you- a step of faith. Jesus said it this way as He was wrapping up His most famous sermon in Matt. 7:24-29:

“Therefore, everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. 25 The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. 26 But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. 27 The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash.” 28 When Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were amazed at his teaching, 29 because he taught as one who had authority, and not as their teachers of the law.”

I don't know how much clearer Jesus could have been in regard to the consequences of following Him or not following Him. James, His brother, also commented on our need for Godly wisdom in life and reminded us of the following in his book, James 1:5-8:

“If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you. But when you ask, you must believe and not doubt, because the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. That person should not expect to receive anything from the Lord. 8 Such a person is double-minded and unstable in all they do.”

Again, James makes it very clear what happens to those who do not act in faith, their lives are unstable. It has now been over 50 years since I gave my life to the service of my Lord. I can attest personally that the principles that Jesus stated in His sermon and the words written in James are very true. I have experienced it personally and I have seen it time and time again as I have watched the lives of people who have lived out these principles or refused to acknowledge God's principles. You must remember, Godly principles are not like human rules that men make up, and think that “rules are made to be broken”. No, you don't break Godly principles, His principles (like the laws of gravity) will break you. This is why I have dedicated my life to Christian Education, because the earlier in life we come to know and understand the love of God and that He desires only the very best for us, the better off we will be, and not only us, but the entire world. However, if we continue to be a stubborn and rebellious generation, rejecting the sacrifice that Jesus has made on our behalf so that we might live, there will never be enough new year's resolution to better our lives throughout the years to come. Unfortunately, our decisions also affect the lives of our children as well. We can either see the blessings of God bestowed upon our lives and the lives of our families or not; it is truly a choice that God sets before each and every one of us.

As Joshua stated to the children of Israel in Deut. 30:19-20:

“This day I call the heavens and the earth as witnesses against you that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life, so that you and your children may live and that you may love the Lord your God, listen to his voice, and hold fast to him.”

In 2025, I would challenge you to evaluate your relationship with your Heavenly Father. First, do you really know Him and have you dedicated your life to Him as I did so many years ago? Second, are you reading His Word, the Bible, to know and understand His principles and promises for your life? Third, are you teaching your children the principles of God so that they may have an even more blessed life than you in their immediate future? Take it from someone who knows and has experienced life much longer than most of you and have experienced the love and blessings of God to a degree that I could never have even imagined as that 15-year-old teenager so many years ago- our Heavenly Father really does know best and He truly wants to give us the desires of our hearts, if we will but take the time to ask!

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart, lean not on your own understanding, in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight.” Proverbs 3:5-6

“Delight yourself in the Lord and He will give you the desires of your heart.” Psalm 37:4

May 2025 be an amazing year for you and your family as you seek the Lord with all of your being. As Jesus said Himself in His amazing sermon, seek Him first, and “everything else will be added unto you.” (Matt. 6:33) The question is, do you believe? Regardless of what you may be going through, take it from me, there is no better life on this earth, than the one hid in Christ

Jesus- it is He that I will always boast of until the day I die.

“And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.” Romans 5:3-5

May God grant you and your families a truly blessed New Year!

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

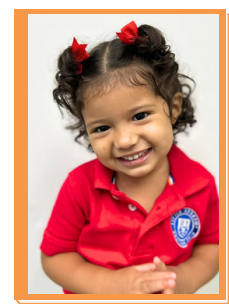
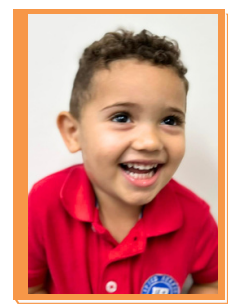




MIGHTY 2'S

MRS. MYRIAM ROJAS & MS. JANA E SANTIAGO

Dear Parents of the 2-Year-Old Class,



AMOS PONT
STUDENT OF THE MONTH

HANNAH COLLAZOS
STAR STUDENT

December was a special time for our school family. Beyond the exchange of gifts among friends and family, December offered the perfect opportunity to talk with the children about God's greatest gift: the birth of His only Son, baby Jesus. This divine gift represents God's unconditional love for humanity.

In our class, we began the season by warming the children's hearts with the story of Jesus' birth. We talked, sang, and engaged in activities that connected us to this beautiful story. The children enthusiastically participated in decorating the classroom, creating gifts for their parents, and exchanging presents with their classmates.

One of the most special moments was the joy reflected on the children's faces when they arrived in the classroom and saw the colorful lights announcing the arrival of Christmas. There were cheers, dancing, and plenty of happiness. Additionally, we made delicious cookies, rehearsed and performed in the school-wide Christmas musical, had breakfast with Santa, and shared a wonderful class party.

We would like to thank you all for the beautiful books you selected as gifts. They were chosen with so much love and care, becoming treasures that the children will hold dear in their hearts. And also thank you all for the thoughtful gifts given to us.

Looking Ahead to January

The biblical theme for January will be: "God Cares for Me." The verse we will work on together is **James 5:8, "Be Patient."**

Through our activities, we will emphasize the importance of patience, hope, and kindness. We will also explore the biblical story of Moses in Exodus 2:1-33 and Exodus 20:1-17, reflecting on God's love and patience with the people of Israel.

In this new year, we are excited to start projects focused on personal care, friendship, and the importance of family as a guide at every stage of life. We will soon provide details about an educational outing that will complement these themes.

Special Recognitions

Congratulations to our Student of the Month, Amos Pont, for his outstanding attitude in following instructions, speaking kindly, and creating an atmosphere of peace in the class. We also welcome our new student, Hannah Collazos, who has enthusiastically joined the class, quickly learning routines, and enjoying hands-on activities with organization and dedication.

We pray to our Lord Jesus Christ that this year, 2025, will be filled with blessings, and that your dreams and projects will align with His guidance and protection. We deeply appreciate your constant collaboration and support in all the activities we carry out with the children. You are an essential part of this educational journey we have begun together. With gratitude and affection,

Mrs. Myriam Rojas & Mrs. Janea Santiago

BLESSED 3'S

MS. KATHLYN DIAZ &
MS. SHIRLEY SERNA



CIELO TORRES REYES
STUDENT OF THE MONTH

ETHAN ALBA
STAR STUDENT

Hello Parents!

We wish you all a Happy New Year! I hope you enjoyed your break, and we are excited to be back in the classroom! December was a month full of joy in the three-year-old classroom. Every day, the children were excited to come to school, and that excitement will carry on for the rest of the year.

Let's take a look back at December. We focused on the true meaning of Christmas and the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Our theme for the month was "God's Gift to Me." The character traits we focused on were joy, giving, and sharing. Our Bible verse was: **"Make a Joyful Shout to the Lord," Psalm 100:1.** The Bible stories we explored were:

- Week 1: Baby Jesus is Born in Bethlehem (Luke 2:1-7)
- Week 2: The Angels and Shepherds Spread the Good News (Luke 2:1-7)
- Week 3: The Wise Men Follow the Star and Bring Gifts (Matthew 2:1-2)

December was a busy but joyful month for us. We would like to say thank you to the families who attended Christmas on the Green. It is always wonderful to see parents participating with their children in school events. We also had our annual Christmas program, where the children worked very hard to learn their songs. Thank you to the parents who attended the show—we couldn't have done it without you.

Additionally, we had our Breakfast with Santa, Book Exchange, and classroom party. The children had so much fun taking pictures with "Santa" and exchanging books with their friends. A big thank you to the parents who donated food for these events; we couldn't have done it without your support.

We also want to take a moment to celebrate two special students in our class. Congratulations to Cielo Torres, our Student of the Month! Cielo is a very special girl and a hard worker. She always puts 100% effort into completing our daily activities and is always ready to learn!

We also want to congratulate our Star Student, Ethan Alba. Ethan is a joyful child who is always willing to share with his friends. He never fails to have a smile on his face. He has a giving heart and has been a joy to have in our class this year. We are so proud of both of you!

As we begin the new year, we are excited to dive into our Bible theme: God Takes Care of Me. Our verse of the month is: "Let us be patient" (James 5:8). The character traits we will focus on are patience, hope, and gentleness. The Bible stories we will explore are:

- Week 1: Moses' Parents Wait on God to Protect Their Son (Exodus 2:1-10)
- Week 2: Moses Frees the Hebrew Slaves in Egypt after 400 Years (Exodus 2:11-14; 3:1)
- Week 3: God is Patient and Gives the Ten Commandments (Exodus 20:1-17)
- Week 4: The Hebrews Had to Wait 40 Years to Enter the Promised Land (Numbers 13:1-33)

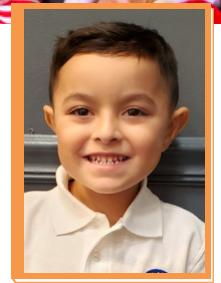
In addition to these Bible stories, we will cover Unit 12: I Can Be Healthy and Unit 14: I Can Care for My World. The letters we will focus on are Jj, Kk, and Ll, and we will work with the colors green, gold, and black. We will also focus on the numbers 9 and 10, and the shapes oval and rhombus.

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 a blessing to be part of such a wonderful community of families.

May God bless you and your loved ones in this new year!

Blessings,
Ms. Kat & Mrs. Shirley





EMILY BAENA
STUDENT OF THE MONTH

NATHANIEL MARTIN
STAR STUDENT

MRS. CATALINA DEL REAL &
MRS. MARIA JOSE GROSSY

Looking Back...

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

I am looking forward to an exciting new year, with high expectations, new events, fun activities, and a continued eagerness to learn. There's no better New Year's resolution than the one found 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."**

Congratulations to Emily Baena! She is our Student of the Month due to her exceptional academic abilities. Emily quickly grasps new concepts and demonstrates a keen understanding of the material. We are so proud of her academic performance. Way to go, Emily—keep it up!

Congratulations to Nathaniel Martin, our Star Student! Nathaniel consistently demonstrates exceptional behavior, treating others and teachers with kindness, respect, and compassion. He embodies the character traits of patience, hope, and gentleness, making him a shining example to his peers. We're proud of Nathaniel and his outstanding character! Congratulations to both of you. May God continue to guide you on the right path!

Looking Ahead

This month, the theme will be "Construction Zone." We will learn about building things. With 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 explore how children can plan together to get a job done.



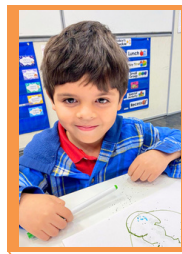
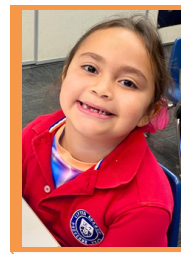
The children will practice the correct strokes used to make the letters L, M, and N. They will also work on identifying 10 or more alphabet letters by name, practice writing their full names, and describe objects. In Reading, the children will continue adding new words to our growing sight word list. We will work on creating sentences with these sight words and understanding their meaning. The children will also continue with phonemes and 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 solving problems. In Science, the children will observe, explore, and manipulate simple machines. They will explore how materials change, react, and interact when combined, and identify what things are made of.

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- "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"
- "The Hebrews Had to Wait 40 Years to Enter the Promised Land"

The Bible verse for the month is: **"Let Us Be Patient"** (James 5:8), and the character development traits we will focus on are: Patience, Hope, and Gentleness.

God bless you,
Mrs. Catalina del Real



JEANA DIAZ
STUDENT OF THE MONTH

LUCAS MEJIA
STAR STUDENT

KINDERGARTEN

MRS. MABYS GONZALEZ & MRS. MARIANA CORZO

December was a month filled with fun and excitement. We loved practicing for the Charlie Brown Play. The students enjoyed dressing up as angels and singing "Silent Night," "O Little Town of Bethlehem," "Feliz Navidad," and "Joy to the World." We would like to congratulate Joseph Corzo for his duet performance of "Happy Birthday, Jesus." It was incredible to see the joy on the students' faces during the show and rehearsals. They truly had fun this last month.

The Breakfast with Santa was an unforgettable experience. We would like to thank you for your patience and the time spent together as a family. It is always a pleasure to have these experiences with the families of our school united.

In academics, for Math, we will continue learning about money, as well as adding and subtracting. It was fun to set up a little shop where students could use their money to buy things. They understood the value of money through this hands-on activity.

In Language Arts, we will emphasize correct grammar for writing sentences, specifically using uppercase letters at the beginning and proper punctuation at the end.

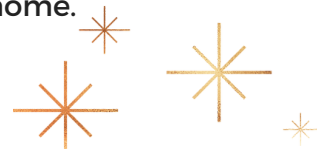
In Bible, we will continue learning that Jesus is the reason for the season. The verse of the month is:

James 5:8: "You too, be patient and stand firm, because the Lord's coming is near."

We want to congratulate Jeana Diaz, our Student of the Month. Jeana is very punctual, knows her Bible content, and excels academically. Great job, Jeana! We also want to congratulate Lucas Mejia. Lucas is very caring and helpful. He is a sweetheart, loves to play with friends, and has great manners. Great job, Lucas!

We look forward to the New Year. Thank you, parents. Please continue reading for half an hour daily and practice writing at home.

God bless you all,
Mrs. Gonzalez and Mrs. Corzo





1ST GRADE

MRS. YANILET DIAZ

Dear Parents,

During the month of December, the students completed a lung project where they used two brown bags and a straw taped together to demonstrate how the lungs function when we breathe in and out. They really enjoyed the activity and gained a better understanding of the purpose of the lungs.

The Christmas show was a lot of fun to practice, and the final performance was beyond amazing. Congratulations to Jensen, Evangeline, and Benjamin for being featured in the spotlight during the show. The Charlie Brown Christmas play truly demonstrated the true meaning of Christmas – the birth of Jesus.

We also had breakfast with Santa and a book exchange in the classroom. The students really enjoyed this day! Thank you, parents, for your support and cooperation.

Our Student of the Month is Kai Cordi. He is very dedicated to his schoolwork and always shows maximum effort in class. Congratulations to Alejandro Cedeno, our Star Student, who is always helping his classmates. If someone is hurt, Alejandro goes to them and tries to help in any way he can.

This month we are going to begin iReady in our class. iReady is a computer program that increases lessons based on the students learning levels and it goes along with them so they can improve in school in areas such as Reading and Math.



KAI CORDI
STUDENT OF THE MONTH



ALEJANDRO CEDENO
STAR STUDENT

It's personalized instruction for students and allows them to improve in Reading and Math as they complete each lesson. Along with iReady we will continue with AR books. We asked that you continue to read four books and take AR quiz. Both programs iReady as well as AR will be included in the students' grades. Please make sure you have a computer or tablet that the students can use to complete the programs. I recommend a touch screen either a tablet or a computer that they can simply navigate without the use of a computer mouse.

During this month in Math, we will learn about Fractions, Subtraction Facts up to 12, and we will begin with Geometry. In Reading, I will continue with Reading Comprehension assignments. It is important that you ask questions to your child when they read at home for at least 30 minutes. In Bible, we will be learning about Elijah and the Widow, which teaches in the power of faith to achieve miracles.

This month our focus is on **James verse 5:8, "You too, be patient and stand firm, because the Lord's coming is near"**. In Science, we will be practicing and learning about safe habits and how to stay safe. In Family and Community, we will learn the true meaning of our Nation, Country, States, and Capitals.

Looking forward to seeing you all in the New Year!

God Bless you,
Ms. Yanilet Diaz



2ND GRADE

MS. DANAI PADRON

Dear Parents,

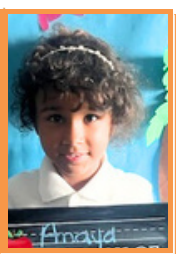
As we reflect on the month of December, it has been a wonderful time of learning about the true meaning of Christmas—the birth of Jesus. The children had a great time performing A Charlie Brown Christmas and singing some of their favorite Christmas songs.

Looking ahead to January, our focus will be on **James 5:8**, which tells us, **“You too, be patient and stand firm, because the Lord’s coming is near.”**

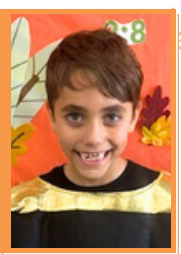
Throughout the month, we will emphasize the character traits of patience, hope, and gentleness. The students will learn to depend on Jesus’ promises and understand the fruit of the Spirit.

Academically, our students continue to work hard in their subject areas. In English, they will be learning about different ways to talk about the past. In Reading, they will be exploring drama and characters. In Math, the students will begin to learn how to add 2-digit numbers and start working with multiplication tables.

I am also excited to announce that Anaya Boland has been named our Student of the Month. Anaya consistently completes her classwork and is very helpful to her classmates. Congratulations to Alejandro Perez, our Star Student, who consistently shows a joyful and kind heart.



ANAYA BOLAND
STUDENT OF THE MONTH



ALEJANDRO PEREZ
STAR STUDENT

I would like to extend my deepest gratitude to all of you for your continued support and involvement in your child’s education. Your dedication makes a meaningful difference, and I truly appreciate it.

May God bless you and your families as we prepare for the new year.

Best regards,
Miss Danai

Happy New Year!





3RD GRADE

MS. LINDSAY RUIZ

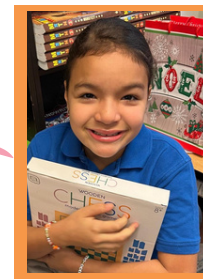
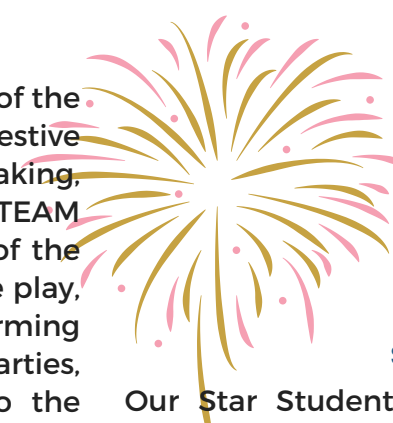
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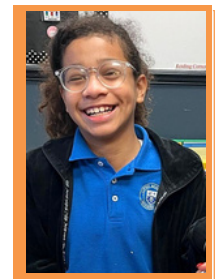
December truly was the most wonderful time of the year! Our students participated in a variety of festive activities, including gingerbread house making, ornament painting, exciting experiments, STEAM projects, and a tree-decorating contest. One of the highlights was the school's performance of the play, "A Charlie Brown Christmas." It was heartwarming to see the joy in the students' rehearsals, parties, music, Secret Santa exchange, and visits to the Christmas store. Most of all, I loved seeing you all at the play—it felt like a family gathering!

Happy New Year! Here's what we'll be learning this month. **English:** Students will learn how to write a book review and practice identifying facts, opinions, and reasoning through various activities. **Math:** We will explore time and calendars using drills and interactive activities. **Science:** The focus will shift to cold-blooded animals, where students will draw and label animal life cycles and complete a related project. **Heritage Studies:** We will begin a new chapter on Oceania, incorporating facts, drawings, and creative activities. **Bible Class:** Students will explore forgiveness by reviewing parables that relate to common experiences of third graders.

I am delighted to recognize our outstanding students this month. Our Student of the Month is Kamila Landin, who is always punctual, eager to learn new concepts, and shows kindness and compassion to her peers.



KAMILA LANDIN
STUDENT OF THE MONTH



VALENTINA HERNANDEZ
STAR STUDENT

Our Star Student is Valentina Hernandez, who is always willing to lend a helping hand and has a cheerful personality. She radiates peace and understanding, bringing godly characteristics into our classroom.

As we approach the midpoint of the school year, I encourage daily reading for at least 30 minutes. For AR books, have your child review the story before quizzes. Please check your child's folder for new materials and weekly reviews, and don't forget to sign their agenda daily to stay informed about assignments. A special thank you to Lauren, our homeroom mom, for always staying on top of announcements and helping us stay organized. If you have any questions or need assistance, please don't hesitate to reach out.

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

Proverbs 22:6

God Bless,
Mrs. Ruiz

4TH & 5TH GRADE

MRS. BARBARA ARROYO &
MS. ROSALIE DE ARMAS

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year!



December flew by in the blink of an eye, and it's hard to believe the New Year is already here. Although the month was short, we accomplished so much in that time. Let's take a moment to celebrate the wonderful experiences and achievements we shared in December.

December Highlights

We had an amazing time preparing for our Christmas show, A Charlie Brown Christmas. The children's hard work and dedication during rehearsals truly paid off as they delivered an outstanding performance. Special kudos to Ethan and Rafael for memorizing their lines and performing like seasoned actors—well done!

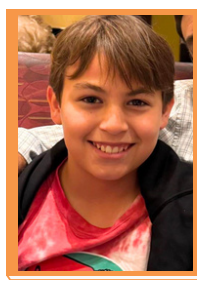
In the spirit of the season, the children enjoyed a delightful breakfast with Santa, complete with photos to capture the memories. They also celebrated with their classmates at a fun-filled class party that included a book exchange. Thank you to all the parents who contributed to making the party a big success. We also want to express our heartfelt gratitude for the thoughtful Christmas gifts you gave us—we deeply appreciate your kindness.

After all the holiday festivities, the children spent two weeks at home enjoying time with their families. We hope you all had a joyous and restful holiday season. Now that we're back, we're ready to dive into learning and prepare diligently for state testing.

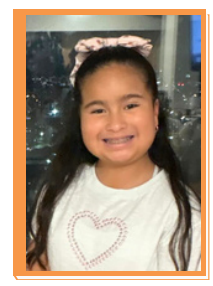
Looking Ahead: January Curriculum

Here's a preview of what the children will be learning this month. In Phonics and English: Proper usage of adjectives and adverbs for both 4th and 5th graders. Writing book reports. Class reading of the novel Medallion. Math: 4th Grade: Geometry—plane figures. 5th Grade: Division with two-digit multipliers. Bible: 4th Grade: Exploring God's omnipotence and the Trinity. 5th Grade: Learning about Moses' reverence for God, as well as Joshua and Caleb's faithfulness.

Happy New Year



ETHAN BONILLA,
STUDENT OF THE MONTH



SOPHIA GROSSY
STAR STUDENT

Science: 4th Grade: Internal structures of vertebrates, including the muscular and skeletal systems. 5th Grade: Classifying matter, atoms, and molecules. Heritage Studies: 4th Grade: Events before, during, and after World War I. 5th Grade: The expansion of the United States and the War of 1812.

In addition to our regular curriculum, we'll be incorporating i-Ready to provide the students with extra practice in Math and Reading. Once diagnostic testing is completed, we will send home reports detailing their performance and academic standing. Be sure to review our January calendar Student

Recognitions

We are excited to celebrate two exceptional students this month: Student of the Month: Ethan Bonilla, for excelling academically and actively participating in class. Star Student of the Month: Sophia Grossy, for her loving and kind nature towards everyone around her. Congratulations, Ethan and Sophia—keep up the amazing work!

Closing Thoughts

Thank you for your continued support, especially your prayers and encouragement for Lisette and Olivia. They feel your love and are making great progress. Lord willing, we hope to see them back at Lifted very soon. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out. Together, we can make this second half of the school year a successful and rewarding experience for your children.

God bless you,
Mrs. Barbie and Ms. Rosalie



SCHOOL PICTURES



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CHURCH EVENTS



MISSIONS MEETING

Monday, January 13th, at 7:00 PM

All Missions volunteers are called to attend the planning meeting with the Missions Committee at the Church.

MISSIONS MINISTRY - AGAPE HOUSE

Support our local Missions Ministry by bringing toiletry donations, Bibles, notebooks, as they prepare for the Agape House Women's Facility visit in February. Speak to Janet Lainez for more info.

LIFE GROUP FACILITATORS TRAINING

Wednesday, Jan. 22nd, at 7:00 PM

All Life Group facilitators are called to attend this important meeting to equip you with the tools and guidance needed to lead your Life Groups effectively.

LIFTED CHURCH NETWORK

Saturday, January 25th, from 9:30 - 11:30 AM

Join us for brunch and an amazing time of fellowship and growing in the Word. Childcare provided.

PARENT SEMINAR WITH DR. ESTELLE MYERS

"Effective Parenting Through the Early Years"

Wednesday, Jan. 29th at 7:00 PM in the Café

Join us for the Parenting Seminar and discover valuable insights and strategies for effective parenting. Awana Clubs will be available for childcare.

AWANA CLUBS

Wednesdays from 7:00 - 8:30 PM

Awana Clubs is for kids ages 3 yrs to 5th grade, where they get to learn to know, love, and serve God!

LIFTED KIDS VOLUNTEERS SUMMIT

Sunday, February 2nd, at 1:00 PM

Join our amazing Lifted Kids Team and be sure to save the date to participate in our KidMin Training - "Igniting the Mission."

DNA CLASSES EVERY SUNDAY, AT 9:30 AM

Join us for DNA Class - Discovering Church Membership with P. Bob Brumley in the back right classroom & DNA Plus - Discovering My Ministry and Mission, with Dr. Estelle Myers, in the classroom by the Office.



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