

LIFTED ACADEMY

# NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2025



**SAVE THE DATE**



**CELEBRATE GRANDPARENTS DAY**  
Friday Sept. 5<sup>th</sup> 10am - 11:30am



**Community Helpers Day Friday Sept. 19<sup>th</sup>**  
The kids will enjoy a visit from our local police and K9 Unit & Fire Trucks



**Parenting Seminar with Dr. Estelle Myers**  
Wend. September 24<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm "Raising Leaders"



**Day Trip to Biscayne Nature Center**  
for grades 2<sup>nd</sup> -6<sup>th</sup>












**GOD IS LOVE.**  
Whoever lives in love lives in God.  
-1 John 4:16



**School Photos Sept. 30- Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>**  
preschool - Kinder Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>  
1<sup>st</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>

# September

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 <b>CLOSED</b> <b>LABOR DAY</b>	2	3  7:00PM - 8:30PM	4  PTF Meeting In Person at School at 6:30PM	5 <b>HAPPY GRANDPARENTS DAY</b>	6
7	8  Women's Discipleship @ 7 PM	9	10  7:00PM - 8:30PM	11	12	13
14	15	16	17  Maryjory Stenowicz Douglas BISCAYNE NATURE CENTER	18	19 <b>Community Helpers Day</b> 	20 LCN Men's & Women's Breakfast 9:30 AM
21	22  Women's Discipleship @ 7 PM	23	24  Parenting Seminar 7:00PM - 8:30PM	25	26	27  Love Your Church Day 8am - 2pm
28	29	30  Picture Day	OCT. 1  Picture Day			



## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

Fall has arrived, and change is in the air. The month of September typically sparks the transition from the lazy days of summer to the bustling activities of learning and personal growth. Well, this year isn't any different! And in addition to everything else, our school is growing, and we need more space immediately to continue to expand, as ultimately we want to be able to offer Middle School to our students as well. Consequently, we purchased a Sprung Structure at the beginning of last year and we are now waiting to have our plans approved by the Zoning Dept., before we can move forward.

In the meantime, we will continue to raise funds to help us not only erect the building at the beginning of next year, but to also build out the interior of this new facility, which will house classrooms for an additional 250 students, an auditorium to seat over 800 people and a banquet hall to handle over 300 guests. This two-story building will be a benefit not only to our students, but to many families throughout the West Kendall area.

The cost of this project is estimated at 3 million dollars. Our hope and prayer is that upon completing the new building, we will be able to enter it debt free. This is why we will be having fundraising events throughout the year.

Our first fundraiser is being sponsored by Ms. Barbie's 4th Grade Class through out the month of September. Each class will pick a month throughout the school year to sponsor fun activities for the students, while raising funds for our building. Last year, our classes were able to raise close to \$10,000.

Thursday, Sept. 4<sup>th</sup>, at 7 PM, will be the first meeting of our PTF meeting. We value your opinions and advice regarding the development process of our school. I do hope you you will join our PTF and get involved with your child(rens) school events.

September also marks the first full month of school, and your children are doing an amazing job. As I visit each classroom, I am pleased to see their progress. We are also celebrating in this month's newsletter, the Student of the Month and the Star Student for each class from their performance in August. Our Star Students are those who have been exhibiting those character traits of Reverence, Respect, and Responsibility throughout the month. The Student of the Month award is recognizing those students who are excelling intellectually in learning new academic skills. Students are generally recognized on the second Monday of each month during Chapel. For this month, recognition will take place next Monday, September 8: Elementary students (grades 1-6) at 8:45 AM, and Preschool-Kindergarten students at 9:15 AM. Parents may attend, particularly if their child is receiving a certificate.

At Lifted Academy our priority as teachers, parents, and leaders is to raise healthy children in all aspects of their development, but especially in regard to their spiritual development. We freely share with our students that God is our authority and that it is His truth, found in the scriptures, that we follow and teach. It is this same truth which forms our character and values which we live by every day. This is why we consistently reward our students for displaying godly character traits toward their peers and teachers, not only in our Awards Chapel, but daily throughout the school year. This is what makes our school different than most schools in our city, both secular and religious.

What good is it to have an educated society that is falling apart? And while society doesn't seem to want to address the social and personal problems families face, we here at Lifted Academy do so by placing as much, if not more, value on developing the character within your child, as we do in providing excellence in academics.

Ultimately, it is the child's character that will affect his life not only today, but throughout eternity. In a society that seems to be morally bankrupt and lacking in sound judgment, it is all the more important that we have a strategy for leading our children down the right path in this life and the life to come. This is why our school motto is:

**“TRAIN UP A CHILD IN THE WAY HE SHOULD GO, AND WHEN HE IS OLD, HE WILL NOT DEPART FROM IT.”**  
**PROVERBS 22:6**

While the Proverbs are not promising anything, they are principles that teach us that there are certain consequences to specific behaviors. Here we find that if parents, teachers, pastors are intentional in truly leading children down a godly path, their children will follow, even when they get older. On September 24th at 7 PM, I will be teaching a Parent Seminar on “Raising Leaders,” I do hope you will make every effort to attend. In the meantime, as we teach our children this month, may we be reminded of what true Christianity looks like:

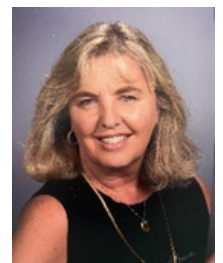
**“THIS IS TRUE RELIGION: TO VISIT THE ORPHANS AND WIDOWS IN DISTRESS AND TO KEEP ONESELF UNSTAINED BY THE WORLD.” —**  
**JAMES 1:27**

May God bless you all as you seek to put God first in all things.

In His Service and Love,

*Dr. Estelle C. Myers*

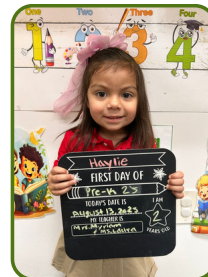
Dr. Estelle C. Myers  
School Principal



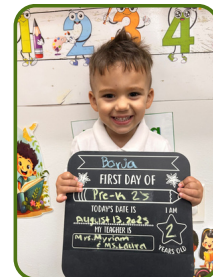


# MIGHTY 2'S

MRS. MYRIAM ROJAS &  
MS. LAURA BARRETO



Student of The Month  
Hailey Reyes



Star Student of the Month  
Borja Barroso

Dear Parents,

We have begun this adventure with our two-year-olds, and it has already been a wonderful and exciting three weeks. The youngest members of Lifted Academy are learning classroom routines such as entering and leaving in an organized manner and practicing turn-taking. They have been engaged in activities that nurture their cognitive, social, and spiritual growth. Each day they are discovering new ways to work together, grow in independence, and express their joy.

The children are learning that they are growing and capable of helping in simple ways picking up their toys, placing their water bottles in the designated spot, and washing their hands before activities. They are also exploring their senses through healthy eating and sensory play, which strengthen fine motor skills, creativity, and emotional expression. Their language is blossoming as they learn new words through the alphabet (we began with the letter A), while their gross motor skills are developing as they walk, run, kick, and throw balls with growing strength. Thank you as well for your collaboration in the long-term Memory Book Project, which allows us to observe their growth from babies to toddlers in physical, emotional, and spiritual ways. Each child will also have the opportunity to present their family unit, proudly recognizing themselves as beloved sons and daughters surrounded by love.

Spiritually, the children have participated beautifully in Chapel, listening to God's Word, singing, and praying with reverence.

In August, they learned about God's love with the theme "God Loves Me," accompanied by the verse: **"God is love" (1 John 4:16).**

For the month of September, we are focusing on the theme "God Made Me," with the verse: "I am fearfully and wonderfully made" (Psalm 139:14). Each week, the children will reflect on a biblical truth, along with a song and prayer. The Memory Book connects closely with this theme, helping the children recognize themselves as unique individuals created by God with great potential.

We are also excited for the upcoming events planned for this month. On Friday, September 5, we will celebrate Grandparents' Day, a time filled with love and gratitude as the children honor their grandparents through painting and special activities. Later, on Friday, September 19, the children will enjoy a school event featuring a visit from the police department, K9 dogs, and a military vehicle, giving them the chance to learn more about the community helpers who serve and protect us.

Finally, we would like to celebrate two of our students this month. Hailey Reyes has been named Student of the Month for her kind, helpful, and loving attitude toward her classmates and adults, as well as her ability to complete activities with attention and order. Borja Barroso has been named Star Student for his good habits, kindness, and perseverance in learning new words, demonstrating his desire to grow each day.

Thank you again for your trust and collaboration. It is a joy and honor to work with your children and to see them grow in **"wisdom, stature, and favor with God and men" (Luke 2:52).**

With gratitude and blessings,  
Mrs. Myriam Rojas and Ms. Laura Barreto



# BLESSED 3'S

MS. KATHLYN DIAZ  
MS. SHIRLEY SERNA

Hello School Family,



Student of The Month **Valentino Siriani**    Star Student of the Month **Blaine Murray**

What an amazing first month of school it has been! We've already established our classroom routines, and the children have settled in beautifully. They are so happy to be here, and it's been a joy watching their excitement and growth as they begin this new school year.

### Let's look back at August

In August, we focused on learning about Jesus and the children, as well as understanding what the Bible is and what it consists of. Our Bible theme for the month was "God Loves Me", and our verse was 1 John 4:16: "God is love." We explored important character traits such as respect and love for God, respect and love for others, and how to honor God's Word by understanding that the Bible is the truth. Alongside our Bible curriculum, we began Unit 1: "I Come to Preschool", where we introduced the letter A, the number 0, the color red, and the circle shape. The students engaged with these concepts through fun, hands-on activities that helped reinforce their understanding.

### Let's take a moment to celebrate two students

We are also excited to celebrate two of our outstanding students this month! Valentino Siriani has been named our Student of the Month. He has shown a deep passion for learning and consistently puts great effort into all of his daily activities. We are so proud of his enthusiasm and commitment. Additionally, we would like to recognize Blaine Murray as our Star Student. Blaine demonstrates our character traits beautifully—he is kind, respectful, and always eager to learn. We are so thankful to have such bright, caring students in our class

### Looking ahead to September

Our new theme will be "God Made Me." We will be exploring Bible stories such as God's creation (Genesis 1:1-26), how God made everything including us (Genesis 1:27; 2:7), Jesus as a child and attending church (Luke 2:21-52), and the story of Ruth and Naomi (Ruth 1-4). The character traits we will focus on include obedience, friendliness, and self-control. Our Bible verse for the month will be Psalm 139:14: "I am fearfully and wonderfully made."

In addition to our Bible curriculum, we will move into Unit 2: "I Make Friends at School" and Unit 3: "I Am Special." Academically, we will introduce the letters B and C, the number 1, the colors blue and yellow, and the square shape. We look forward to another month filled with fun learning experiences and spiritual growth.

### Note to Parents

As we begin this journey together, we encourage you to support your child's learning at home. Simple activities like reading together, having meaningful conversations, and revisiting the topics we cover in class can make a big difference in their development. Please remember to check ClassDojo regularly for updates on your child's activities and any important announcements.

May God bless you and your loved ones throughout the month of September

Blessings,  
Ms. Kat & Mrs. Shirley





# VPK

MRS. CATALINA DEL REAL



Dear Parents,

The school year has just begun, and we've already seen wonderful progress in the children. We are very excited and look forward to all the growth and learning ahead!

Over the past two weeks, I've been observing the children closely. Cielo Torres-Reyes consistently responds promptly to questions and shows a strong eagerness to learn. I've also noticed how obedient and friendly Lucia Franco is. She listens attentively, speaks kindly to both her classmates and teachers, and even took the initiative to clean up toys without being asked.

I feel truly fortunate to have these children in my care and in my class. Congratulations to Cielo Torres-Reyes, our Student of the Month, and to Lucia Franco, our Star Student for the VPK class. May God continue to guide them in everything they do.

### What We're Learning

- Writing: Practicing the letters Ss and Pp.
- Reading: Adding new sight words, creating sentences to understand their meaning, practicing letter sounds, and working with weekly stories to build comprehension and sequencing skills.
- Math: Mastering recognition of numbers 1-5 and their values, comparing sets, and being introduced to ordinal numbers (first through fifth).



Student of The Month  
Lucia Franco

Star Student of the Month  
Cielo Torres-Reyes

- Science: Learning about animals and their offspring, how they are like their parents, comparing real things, and identifying animals as living things with specific needs.
- Social Studies: Exploring families, maps, the community, community workers, and symbols.
- Art & Music: Engaging in Music Appreciation and Crafts, learning new songs related to community helpers and animals, and practicing words and finger plays.
- Bible: Learning to trust in God and to be kind and loving to others. We'll be covering:
  - Creation/God Made the World (Genesis 1:1-26)
  - God Made Me (Genesis 1:27-2:7)
  - Jesus as a Child/Jesus Goes to Church (Luke 2:21-52)
  - Ruth and Naomi (Ruth 1-4)
  - Memory Verse: "I am fearfully and wonderfully made." – Psalm 139:14

It would be very helpful if the children listened to these stories at home as well to reinforce what they are learning in school.

### Character Traits of the Month

We are focusing on developing Obedience, Friendliness, and Self-Control. Please continue to pray with us for your children, that they will begin to trust in God in every circumstance.

God bless you enormously,  
Mrs. Catalina del Real

# KINDERGARTEN

MRS. MARIA JOSE GROSSY &  
MS. TIFFANY LUCK

Dear Parents,

We've had a wonderful start to the school year! The first couple of weeks have been filled with excitement and discovery. The children have settled into their routines beautifully and are already showing growth in their ability to work, play, and explore the world around them. From learning classroom expectations to engaging in fun, hands-on activities, they are embracing each day with enthusiasm.

We are enjoying busy, joy-filled days at school! Each day, we see the children grow in their ability to work together, play with others, and care for their own needs.

Young children learn so much by observing the adults in their lives. That's why it is so important for us to model good behavior always showing them how to do things God's way first.

This month, we are excited to host our Grandparents Day Celebration! It's a wonderful opportunity for grandparents to spend special time with their grandchildren. We're looking forward to an amazing morning together, filled with joy and meaningful moments.

We also have two special events this month that will help our students learn more about the heroes in our community:

- **Friday, September 19th** - Emergency vehicles will be visiting our campus! This hands-on experience will help the children learn about the important roles of firefighters, police officers, and other first responders.

In the classroom, we are continuing to help the children understand the concept of friendship. Through activities that encourage sharing, teamwork, and kindness, we are guiding them to develop social skills, build relationships, and experience the joy of making friends. Our five-year-olds are still learning how to share and take turns. It's a gradual process, but such an important one. We aim to guide them in recognizing that while they have rights, others do too.



Student of The Month  
Emily Baena

Star Student of the Month  
Stella Garcia

The Star Student for August is Stella Garcia, who has shown a truly kind and generous heart. She is always sweet and respectful to her friends and teachers. Stella shares with all her classmates and consistently treats everyone with kindness. She sets a wonderful example for her peers, and we are truly fortunate to have her in our class. Congratulations, Stella!

Our Student of the Month is Emily Baena. Emily has demonstrated a positive attitude toward learning and actively participates in all our classroom activities. She engages with enthusiasm, showing how much she has learned so far. Emily is always full of energy and approaches every task with determination. She is already doing a fantastic job this year—way to go, Emily!

## The Verse of the Month is

I will give thanks to You, because I am  
awesomely and wonderfully made; Wonderful  
are Your works, And my soul knows it very well.

Psalms 139:14

God bless you all!

Warmly,

Mrs. Maria Jose Grossy and Ms. Tiffany Luck



Student of The Month  
Caden G. - Orbegoso



Star Student of the Month  
Gabriel Serna

# 1ST GRADE

MRS. LAUREN NIETO &  
MRS. KELLEY PRIETO



As we step into the beautiful month of September, our classroom is already filled with excitement, curiosity, and the joy of learning. The students are adjusting wonderfully to first grade routines, building new friendships, and embracing the many blessings this school year has to offer.

This month in Bible, we will learn about Cain and Abel as well as Noah and the Ark. In Reading, students will continue exploring stories, identifying characters, and practicing reading aloud with confidence. In Science, we will discover what scientists do and how they explore God's creation. In Math, we will begin learning different forms of addition using both pictures and number sentences. We will also continue developing our handwriting skills, practicing each letter carefully and consistently.

## Verse of the Month

**I will give thanks to You, because I am awesomely and wonderfully made; Wonderful are Your works, And my soul knows it very well. Psalms 139:14**

We are also excited to celebrate our students' achievements this month:

- Star Student of the Month: Gabriel Camero Serna – recognized for his kindness, respect, and spiritual maturity. Gabriel treats others with compassion, leads with humility, and models the values we are focusing on this month.
- Student of the Month for Academic Excellence: Caden Gonzalez-Orbegoso is honored for his enthusiasm for learning, active class participation, and diligence in completing work. His positive attitude and love of learning inspire everyone around him.

As we journey through September, my prayer is that each child develops a deeper understanding of God's love and begins to see themselves as He does—valued, purposeful, and full of potential. I pray our classroom continues to be a place of encouragement, growth, and joy as we learn and grow together in Christ.

Thank you for your continued support and for entrusting me with your wonderful children. I am truly grateful to partner with you this school year and look forward to all that this month will bring!

With gratitude,  
Mrs. Lauren and Mrs. Kelley



# 2ND GRADE

## MS. DANAI PADRON

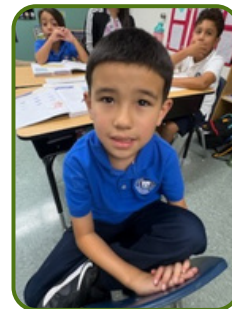
Dear Parents,



As we reflect on the month of August, I am truly encouraged by how well the children have been adjusting to 2nd grade and to the new classroom setting. They have transitioned beautifully into our routines and are demonstrating both excitement and eagerness to learn. This past month, we introduced the theme "God is love" and explored the truth that Jesus is God's Son. These foundational lessons are helping the children understand God's great love for them and how His presence shapes their daily lives.

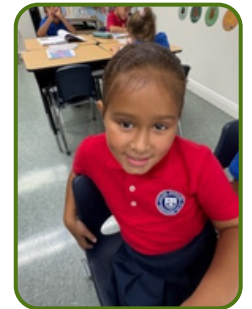
Looking ahead into September, our spiritual focus will center on Psalm 139:14: "I am fearfully and wonderfully made." Through this verse, the children will be reminded that God is the Creator of all things and that He made each of them uniquely and with purpose. We will also begin discussing what it means to live in obedience to God's principles, emphasizing how our choices reflect our faith. This month's character traits obedience, friendliness, and self-control will guide our discussions, Bible lessons, and classroom culture, helping the students grow not only academically but also spiritually and socially.

Academically, our students are continuing to work diligently across all subject areas, and I am proud of the dedication they have already shown. In English, we will be learning about predicate/action parts in sentences and identifying nouns among groups of words, which will build a strong foundation for grammar and writing. In Science, the students will learn how to identify the purpose of an investigation, understand the steps of the scientific method, and apply them to real experiments, encouraging curiosity and critical thinking. In Math, our focus will be on comparing facts, using equal signs properly, and composing numbers using the number five as a base strategy. These skills will help strengthen number sense and problem-solving abilities. In Bible, the children will study the life of Moses, exploring how God called him to lead His people out of Egypt and how Moses' obedience shaped the future of Israel. In Social Studies, the students will discuss changes in our community and learn to recognize how communities grow and adapt over time.



Star Student of the Month

Vinh Ayme



Student of The Month

Daniela DaCosta

I am also delighted to share some special recognitions for this month. Daniela DaCosta has been named our Student of the Month. Daniela consistently demonstrates a strong work ethic, completes all assignments with excellence, and reflects the character traits of thankfulness and attentiveness. We are also proud to recognize Vinh Ayme as our Star Student. Vinh shows responsibility, obedience, and a respectful attitude in the classroom. Both Daniela and Vinh are shining examples for their peers, and we celebrate their achievements wholeheartedly.

As always, I would like to take this opportunity to express my deepest gratitude to you, our parents, for your continued support and involvement in your child's education. Your encouragement at home and partnership with our classroom efforts make a significant difference in the growth and success of each child. I am truly blessed to work alongside such dedicated families, and I believe that together we are fostering not only a strong academic foundation but also a Christ-centered character that will last a lifetime.

As we step into the month of September, my prayer is that God continues to bless you and your families richly. Thank you once again for your unwavering support, and I look forward to all of the wonderful learning, growth, and faith-filled moments that this new month will bring.

With warm regards and many blessings,  
Miss Danai



## 3RD GRADE

MS. SEMIRA KHALIL



Dear Parents and Families,

We are off to a wonderful start this school year! Our class has been learning, growing, and shining brightly for Jesus each day. This month, we are encouraging students to remember that all their work—whether in school, at home, or in play—is an offering to God. Our Scripture of the month is Colossians 3:23: “Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters.”

In our studies, students are exploring exciting new topics. In Bible, we are learning about Jesus in the beginning. In Math, we are reviewing related facts, starting addition and subtraction. In Reading, we are focusing on character traits and settings, while in Science we are studying God’s amazing creation through the planets and the phases of the moon. In Heritage Studies, students are discovering the early explorers and how they viewed the world through a biblical worldview. In Language Arts, we are working on conjunctions, compound words, and learning how to use them correctly in complete sentences.

Please remember that Chapel is held every Monday at 8:45 a.m., and beginning in September, laptops should be brought every Thursday and Friday.



Student of The Month  
**Connor Gonzalez-O**



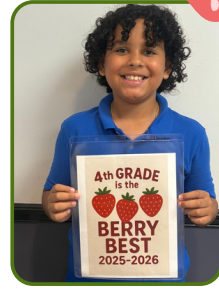
Star Student of the Month  
**Alessandro Caballero**

We are also excited to celebrate our students! Congratulations to Connor Gonzalez-Orbegoso, our Student of the Month. Connor has shown excellent character, perseverance, and a love for learning. He has been a shining example of kindness and respect in our classroom, and I am proud of the way he is growing academically and spiritually. In addition, our Star Student this week is Alessandro Caballero. Each week we will highlight a Star Student who shares fun facts about themselves and serves as our classroom helper, giving us the opportunity to celebrate each child’s unique gifts from God.

Thank you, parents, for your continued support and prayers. It is truly a blessing to partner with you in guiding your child’s education and faith. Let us continue encouraging our students to do everything for the glory of God.

Blessings,  
Ms. Semira





Student of The Month Jordan Lindo    Star Student of the Month Gianna Cedo

# 4TH GRADE

## MS. BARBARA ARROYO



Hello Parents,

It's hard to believe how quickly the school year is moving along—we're already entering September! The first few weeks have been filled with exciting academic activities, and the students have enjoyed settling into their new routines. While we haven't had any social events just yet, we do have a field trip and other fun activities planned for September. Be sure to check the calendar so you don't miss out!

### A Look Back at August Academics

#### 4th Grade Highlights:

- Phonics & English: Explored prepositional phrases, the four types of sentences, and simple vs. compound sentences.
- Math: Focused on place value and money.
- Bible: Learned how the Bible is truth and how it is inspired.
- Science: Discussed the importance of science and studied plant structures and their functions.
- Heritage Studies: Studied early Americans and how they built civilizations.
- Reading: Enjoyed folktales such as Fire on the Mountain and readings about William Shakespeare.

The students also had a wonderful time in their electives. They are enjoying P.E. with Coach Guillermo, art with Mr. Exposito, and Spanish and music with Ms. Mariana. In music, they are already learning to play the xylophone and ukulele I'm sure they'll sound like professionals in no time!

### I'd like to recognize two amazing 4th graders:

Student of the Month: Jordan Lindo – Jordan excels academically and participates enthusiastically in class. Star Student of the Month: Gianna Cedo. Gianna shines with Godly character, showing love, friendliness, and helpfulness toward everyone. Congratulations to both Jordan and Gianna! Keep up the great work!

### What's Coming Up in September

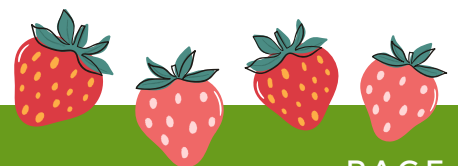
#### 4th Grade Focus Areas:

- Phonics & English: Writing acrostic poems, nouns, and verbs.
- Math: Addition and subtraction of whole numbers.
- Bible: Studying how the Bible endures and God's Word is eternal.
- Science: Continuing plant structures and functions, and beginning plant reproduction and invertebrates.
- Heritage Studies: Learning about the Great Awakening, the War of 1812, and George Washington.
- Reading: Reading A Tale of Chanticleer and Nebuchadnezzar's Dream, and beginning the novel Medallion.

Thank you, parents, for all you do to support our class. A special thank you to Karla, our room mom, for doing such an amazing job—I truly appreciate you!

Let's keep working together to make 4th grade the best year yet. If you ever have questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out. I am here to help and to ensure your children have an amazing school year.

God bless you,  
Mrs. Barbie





Student of The Month  
Camila Escalona

Star Student of the Month  
Olivia Dominguez

## 5TH GRADE

### MR. DANIEL ALVAREZ

Hello Parents,

What a wonderful start to the school year it has been! I can hardly believe we're already in September. Your children have truly been amazing as they have shown maturity, perseverance, and focus in these first few weeks. It's been a joy to see them grow in confidence and curiosity each day.

They're already showing great progress in language arts, reading, and social studies. In Bible class we've been diving into the Old Testament and even acting out some of the stories which has been so much fun! Learning continues beyond our classroom as well as students are exploring science and math with Ms. Erika, reading engaging novels with Ms. Rosalie, learning Spanish, making music and singing in choir with Ms. Mariana, staying active with Coach Guillermo, and expressing their creativity in art with Mr. Exposito.

I'd also like to take a moment to recognize two wonderful students for their hard work, dedication, and Christlike character. Camila Escalona is our Student of the Month showing great improvement, commitment to her studies, and thoughtful attention to detail. Our Star Student of the Month is Olivia Dominguez who beautifully displays the character traits of the month; respect and love toward her classmates and teachers. We are so proud of both of these young ladies!

Please continue checking ClassDojo and our class calendar for upcoming events like Grandparents Day this Friday! We don't want you to miss out on any of the exciting things happening this month.

I'm so proud of all the students have accomplished already and I can't wait to see what the rest of the year has in store. Thank you for your continued support.

### Looking Ahead in 5th Grade

#### Language Arts:

In Chapter 2, we'll be diving into creative writing as students learn how to write both a diamante poem and a sense poem. These engaging formats will help students develop descriptive language and a deeper appreciation for poetry.

#### Spelling:

Our weekly spelling tests will continue as we explore new and more complex patterns. This month, we'll focus on vowel combinations, r-influenced vowel patterns, and other advanced spelling rules to strengthen foundational skills.

#### Reading:

We'll shift our focus to poetry and realistic fiction this month. Through these genres, students will explore important literary concepts such as tone, point of view, author's purpose, and the use of humor. Our reading lessons will continue to build comprehension and critical thinking in fun and meaningful ways.

#### Social Studies:

We're entering a powerful and important unit as we begin studying World War II. Students will learn about the global state of nations during this time, the United States' involvement, the Allied Powers, General Eisenhower's strategies, and the impact of the Holocaust. These lessons aim to build understanding, empathy, and historical awareness.

#### Bible:

In Bible class, we'll continue our journey through the Old Testament by focusing on the story of Abraham, learning how he trusted and obeyed God even in the unknown. It's a beautiful lesson in faith that we'll connect to our own walks with Christ.



# 6TH GRADE

MS. ERIKA ELESPE



Hello Parents,

As we move into September and the weather, (hopefully) begins to cool, I praise God and give thanks for your children. It's a joy to watch them blossom as their personalities develop and interact with one another. Though our sixth grade class is small, it is far from lonely each student brings a special spark that fills the room with joy and laughter.

It is wonderful to see them discovering their unique talents and gifts. Their kindness and care for one another has been a blessing to witness. This month, we will be reflecting on **Galatians 5:13: "You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love."** This verse will guide us as we learn how to use our freedom in Christ to love and serve others.

I'd like to take a moment to introduce our Star Student of the Month, Estefania Vallecillo. Estefania has truly exemplified **1 John 4:16: "And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them."** Her exceptional kindness and thoughtfulness have made her a shining example in our classroom community. I also want to recognize our Student of the Month, Ethan Bonilla. Ethan has demonstrated outstanding knowledge and curiosity across all subjects this month. His dedication to learning is inspiring, and he continues to set a wonderful example for his classmates.

### Literature: Stories of Love and Brotherhood

This month in literature, we'll be reading stories that explore love, goodness, and the bonds of community. One of our readings will be Leo Tolstoy's classic short story, Where Love Is, God Is, the tale of a lonely shoemaker who discovers peace and purpose through acts of kindness. We'll also be reading A Pack of Brothers, which explores the complexities of relationships and brotherhood.



Student of The Month

Ethan Bonilla



Star Student of the Month

Estefania Vallecillo

As we study these works, students will strengthen their comprehension skills by identifying metaphors, themes, and figurative language. They will also practice summarizing and evaluating stories essential skills for critical thinking and analysis.

### Math: Multiplication, Exponents, and Roots

In math, we'll begin with a review of multiplication before moving into exponents. Students will learn how to solve problems such as  $2^3$  ( $2 \times 2 \times 2$ ) and understand the power of repeated multiplication. We'll then explore squares and square roots, learning how squaring and finding square roots are inverse operations.

### Science: How God Shapes the Earth

This month's science focus is on weathering and erosion two processes by which God continually shapes the earth. Weathering breaks down rocks and minerals, while erosion moves those materials to new locations. We will study the roles of wind, water, and ice in creating valleys, canyons, and coastlines. Students will also learn how human activities can accelerate these processes. Together, we'll reflect on how God uses even the smallest elements of creation to form the world's natural beauty.

We have many exciting things planned for the weeks ahead, and I'm eager to see how your children continue to grow in knowledge, faith, and love as we journey through this month together. Thank you for your continued support and for raising such wonderful children. It is a true privilege to walk alongside them in their learning and growth.

May God bless you and guide you all this month,  
Erika M Elesppe



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