

NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2025



Merry Christmas from our house to yours!



CHAPEL AWARDS

Monday Dec. 8th

Join us as we recognize our Star Students and Students of the Month during Chapel Awards!



BREAKFAST WITH SANTA & GIFT EXCHANGE IN CLASS

Friday, Dec. 19th @ 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



CHRISTMAS ON THE GREEN SATURDAY DEC. 13TH @ 3:30

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



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

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



SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM: "NO ROOM IN THE INN"

SATURDAY DEC. 13TH 6PM - 7:30PM

Bring family and friends to our amazing Christmas program presented by all students. Bring your lawn chair and blankets for a magical show under the stars.



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

Daycare for full-time students only
Dec. 22nd - 23rd & Dec. 29th - 30th



HELLO December

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4 Zoom Meeting 7PM	5	6 Woman's Christmas Brunch <i>"Herald His Birth"</i> 10am -12:00pm
7	8 Chapel Awards	9	10 Xmas Sweater Awana Store 	11	12	13 CHRISTMAS on the Green @ 3:30pm Xmas Program "No Room in the Inn" @7pm
14	15	16	17 Christmas Karaoke & Cookies Family Night 6:45 PM	18	19 Breakfast with Santa 9:30am Early (dismissal 12:30 PM)	20
21	22 DAYCARE ONLY	23	24 Candle Light Service @ 6PM School Closed	25 Church and School Closed	26 Church and School Closed	27
28	29 DAYCARE ONLY	30	31 Church and School Closed	Jan 1 Church and School Closed	Jan 2	Jan 3



THE PRINCIPLES OF THE PRINCIPAL

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,

Merry Christmas! The most wonderful time of year is here to celebrate at last! I realize that for some, this time of year can be stressful, hurried, and downright depressing. And I guess, if we allow ourselves to get caught up in the commercial aspect of Christmas or focus on “keeping up with the neighbors” in regard to decorations and gift-giving, we can all become a little overwhelmed. However, this is all the more reason that we need to stay focused on the fact that Jesus truly is the reason for the season.

This time of year, more than any other, people are looking for love. They want to feel the love, experience the love of a kindred relationship, and enjoy the family and loved ones around them. And while love is the emphasis at Christmas, if we do not remember the One who is love and gives us love unconditionally, we will lose sight of reality this time of year and become a sentimental washout with no real substance as to who we are celebrating and why. It is precisely because of this type of thinking that we have cynicism and skepticism about the Christmas holidays. This is why it is critical that we teach our children the true meaning of Christmas, so that when they grow up, regardless of their circumstances, they will be able to experience love, peace, and joy each and every day of the year, and especially at Christmas.

The Bible reminds us that **“God is love.”** (1 John 4:7) In fact, the Apostle John states that if we do not have compassion and love for our fellow man, we do not know God at all. If someone has any contact or any type of relationship with our Father in Heaven, He will always teach us, first and foremost, that love is not simply an attribute of who He is, but that He is love. The amazing miracle of Jesus being born into this very dark world is that He became the personification of love for everyone. If you want to see love in action, look at the life of Christ. Everything you read about God in the Bible, everything you know about the life of Jesus Christ, is the reflection of true love. His life was not a life of emotional sentiment as we see on the holiday Hallmark channel, but a love that makes sacrifices for others, gives to others, and has compassion on the needs of others—to the point of laying down His life for all of mankind.

“This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down His life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters.”

1 John 3:16



The 12 Days of Christmas Challenge

This Christmas, my hope and prayer for all of my friends and family is that we might focus on the Christ child who willingly came to this earth to demonstrate true love to all of mankind. And that in so doing, we might better learn how to have real love and compassion in regard to those around us—not just for those who can love us back, but especially for those who cannot. This would include spending time with little children who desire nothing more than to be loved; it would include those family members and friends who are seemingly “unlovable”; and it would include all those in need whom God puts in your path to minister to each and every day of the year.

The true spirit of Christmas is love—giving and receiving love through the lives of others, not necessarily through the commercial gifts we place under the tree. Don't misunderstand me; giving gifts is not wrong, but it is not the end-all, be-all of Christmas. True gifts that people really enjoy are those where you share a part of yourself—whether it be through a visit to someone's home, a walk in the park with your children, helping a neighbor in need, or simply taking the time to pray with someone who expresses a need that you cannot provide. Prayer gives hope, and hope leads to faith, and true faith in God is demonstrated in love!

“And now abide faith, hope, and love. But the greatest of these is love!” 1 Corinthians 13:13

May we all be more mindful of the love the Christ child brings to our lives this Christmas and intentionally share that love with those around us throughout the new year. I do hope that you will take the 12 Days of Christmas Challenge posted in this newsletter seriously and take the time to see how many of these 12 ways you can accomplish before December 25 with your family and friends! I know you can do it!

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

Merry Christmas!



In the Love and Spirit of Christmas,

Dr. Estelle C. Myers
School Administrator

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, especially these next two weeks, as we are rehearsing diligently for their formal school Christmas program, No Room In the Inn, each day. (LOL- I just had to throw that one in for good measure!)
- 2) Bring your child, family, and friends to see our Christmas Program under the stars on Sat., Dec. 13th, in our very own amphitheater. Outside, from 4-8 pm, there will be bounce houses, food trucks, and free gift giveaways with Santa before the program and then we will be performing at 6:00 PM.
- 3) Attend church each Sunday to celebrate the birth of Christ throughout the Advent Season.
- 4) Have a pajama party for your child and have the kids decorate cookies or a ginger bread house, play games or watch their favorite Christmas show together.
- 5) Take your child out to purchase a book to exchange with a classmate at their class Christmas parties after breakfast with Santa on December 19th.
- 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!
- 10) Bring your child and the entire family to our annual Christmas Eve Candle Light Service on December 24th at 6pm 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!





MIGHTY 2'S

MRS. MYRIAM ROJAS &
MS. LAURA BARETTO



MERRY CHRISTMAS



BRYCE MYERS
STUDENT OF THE MONTH



AARON MYERS
STAR STUDENT

Dear Families,

What a wonderful month we have shared, filled with learning, joy, and heartfelt gratitude! Throughout November, our two-year-olds explored themes centered on healthy habits, thankfulness, and discovering God's goodness in the world around us. We learned the importance of choosing foods that help us grow healthy and strong. Mealtime became a great opportunity to talk about colors, textures, and the benefits of nutritious food.

Our little ones practiced washing their hands before every meal and keeping themselves clean. Potty training has also become a joyful celebration in our class! We cheer for every child who uses the potty, whether it's pee-pee or poo-poo. Beginning this process is an important milestone as children prepare for bladder control. We kindly encourage families to partner with us—parents and teachers working together—so each child can succeed and begin verbalizing their need to use the bathroom. This month was full of thanksgiving! The children expressed gratitude for their food, their families, friends teachers, school, and all the blessings God gives us each day.

The children explored the beauty of autumn—its colors, shapes, and textures. They collected leaves, branches, and other natural elements to create seasonal projects and Thanksgiving crafts. We also learned about the farm animals that visited our school. The children loved interacting with them—an unforgettable experience filled with excitement and discovery!

Our Thanksgiving luncheon with families was a beautiful blessing. The sunshine, the songs the children prepared, and the joyful atmosphere created a meaningful moment of unity, gratitude, and celebration.

As we begin this joyful season, we will continue with our unit: "Loving Our Family and Celebrating Christmas." The children's little hands will play a big role as we work on special Christmas crafts, keepsakes, and meaningful projects. All these memories will be added to our Class Memory Book, where each unit invites children to discover new skills and capture precious moments of their growth.

Our December Bible theme is "God's Gift to Me," with the verse, "Shout for joy to the Lord" from Psalm 100:1. We will focus on character traits such as joy, generosity, and sharing. Week 1 we will learn about the birth of Baby Jesus in Bethlehem (Luke 2:1-7) and sing "Away in a Manger." Week 2 we will learn about the angels and shepherds announcing the good news (Luke 2:8-20) and sing "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing." Week 3 we will learn about the Wise Men following the star and bringing gifts (Matthew 2:1-12) and sing "Silent Night" and "Follow That Star." Week 4 will be our Christmas break with no classes, and we will sing "We Wish You a Merry Christmas."

We are happy to recognize our Student of the Month, Bryce Myers. Bryce has shown great responsibility in completing classroom projects, always making sure each step aligns with instructions. He also helps his classmates clean up and keeps his workspace organized. Our Star Student is Aaron Myers. Aaron loves adding color and joy to his work. He enjoys every activity with enthusiasm and appreciates order in all he does.

As we enter this Christmas season, we pray December will be filled with joy, generosity, creativity, and meaningful family moments. Thank you for your continued support and for walking with us on this beautiful journey of faith and growth. With gratitude,

Mrs. Myriam Rojas & Ms. Laura Barreto
Two-Year-Old Class Team



BLESSED 3'S

MS. KATHLYN DIAZ & MS. SHIRLEY SERNA



LEVI SEIFERT
STUDENT OF THE MONTH

ABIGAIL ROSARIO
STAR STUDENT

Hello Parents!

Happy December! Can you believe we are almost at the end of 2025? November was such a joyful month in Pre-K3, 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.

- Here is a recap of the Bible stories we learned:
- Week 1: Jacob and Esau (Genesis 27:1-33:11)
 - Week 2: Joseph's Multicolored Coat (Genesis 37:1-36)
 - Week 3: Joseph Gives Thanks for God's Provisions (Genesis 39:1-6; 41:17-57)
 - Week 4: The Pilgrims Obey God and Give Thanks

In addition to our Bible lessons, we worked through Unit 4: I Learn Through My Senses and Unit 5: My Family Is Special. We focused on learning the number three, as well as the letters Gg, Hh, and Ii. The children also worked on recognizing the triangle shape and the color brown.

November was filled with exciting activities! We enjoyed our in-house petting zoo, where the children had a blast exploring the different kinds of animals. 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!

We also want to take a moment to celebrate two special students for their hard work and positive attitudes. Congratulations to Levi Seifert, our Student of the Month! Levi has grown so much this year. He has become passionate about completing our daily crafts and activities, and his enthusiasm for learning shines through every day. He comes to school each morning with a big smile! Our Star Student is Abigail Rosario. Abigail is a kind and empathetic friend who always looks out for others. She is 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 generosity.

- Here 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 8: I Have Favorite Toys and Unit 9: Christmas Is Special. We will be focusing on the letters Jj, Kk, and Ll, as well as the number four. The colors we'll emphasize this month are silver and gold, 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! Blessings,

Ms. Kat and Mrs. Shirley





JACOB DELGADO
STUDENT OF THE MONTH

ALBA BARROSO
STAR STUDENT

VPK Ho ho ho!

MRS. CATALINA DEL REAL

Looking Back...

November marked the beginning of the holiday season, and the children enjoyed a variety of activities related to Thanksgiving. They happily practiced and performed their songs, and created placemats for the Thanksgiving luncheon. We would like to extend a special "thank you" to all the parents who participated in the luncheon. Our campus field trip to The Farm was a huge success! The children had a wonderful time interacting with many different kinds of animals, and they truly enjoyed the experience.

Congratulations to our Student of the Month, Jacob Delgado! It's amazing how quickly Jacob is learning sight words, counting, puzzles, and more. Above all, he loves playing in the Dramatic Play Area and enjoys working in the Writing Area. Excellent job, Jacob!

Our Star Student is Alba Barroso. Alba is an active and joyful little girl who helps her friends in many ways. She is always polite to both her classmates and teachers. Thank you, Alba, for doing such a wonderful job!

Congratulations to both of our outstanding students. May God guide you on His right path always!

Looking Ahead

Christmas is here and with it the end of the year 2025. Now is a time for reflection and changes for many, and to come to realized that the real meaning of Christmas is celebrating 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 identifying 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 and differences, and sort. 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 when needed, and understand their 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 Men 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."

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

Mrs. Catalina Del Real



KINDERGARTEN

MRS. MARIA JOSE &
MS. TIFFANY LUCK

Dear Parents,

What a wonderful and blessed month November has been in our classroom! Our students continue to shine every day. We are incredibly proud of the amazing progress they are making—especially as they learn to put letters together, blend sounds, and begin reading. Their excitement and confidence grow with every new skill, and it is a joy to watch them learn.

This month, we enjoyed two beautiful on-campus field trips.

The Petting Zoo:

The children had a fantastic time learning about different animals, asking questions, and interacting with them up close. It was a fun and educational experience that sparked curiosity and laughter all around.

Kindness Canvas Experience:

As part of Kindness Week, our class participated in a heartwarming project. Each child painted two canvases: one for themselves, and one to send to a child in the hospital, sharing love, peace, and encouragement.

This activity was a precious opportunity for our students to express kindness, empathy, and the love of Jesus in a meaningful and personal way.

We want to extend a special thank you to all the parents who came to help, support, and join us during these special activities. Your presence and involvement make such a difference for our children.



We are also extremely grateful for your generosity throughout this month. Thank you for supporting:

- Our Thanksgiving Food Drive, helping bless families who are less fortunate.
- The Toy Drive, bringing joy and smiles to children who need it most.
- Operation Christmas Child, sending love, hope, and the message of Jesus to children across the world through your thoughtful shoebox gifts. Your participation teaches our students the true meaning of kindness, compassion, and giving.

Student of the Month – Bryles Murray

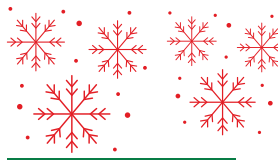
Bryles has been studying hard and practicing consistently. We are so proud of his amazing progress in reading, writing, and his overall effort in school. His dedication and hard work are truly paying off. Great job, Bryles!

Star Student of the Month – Kimberly Portal

Kimberly has set a beautiful example for her classmates with her kindness, loving heart, and friendly spirit. She shares the love of Jesus with everyone around her, and her gentle, joyful presence blesses our entire classroom. We are so proud of you, Kimberly!



BRYLES MURRAY
STUDENT OF THE MONTH



KIMBERLY PORTAL
STAR STUDENT



Our Thanksgiving Celebration

A big and heartfelt thank you to every parent who joined us for our school Thanksgiving party. The children were thrilled to perform the songs they had practiced, and it was beautiful to see our families celebrating together, enjoying food, fellowship, and joyful moments. We especially want to emphasize our gratitude to the Lord.

Above everything else, we give thanks to God because He is the One who provides and He is the One who cares for us, and He is the Giver of every good and perfect gift in our lives.

We are truly blessed to walk this journey with your children, and with each of you. May God continue to bless our school family with love, unity, and gratitude.

With love and appreciation,
*Mrs. Maria Jose Grossy &
Ms. Tiffany Luck*



1ST GRADE

MRS. LAUREN NIETO & KELLEY PRIETO

Hello Parents,



December is here, and we are so blessed, as this month reminds us of God's incredible love for His people and how we are called to share that love with the world. This month, we will be celebrating that Jesus is the reason for the season. We would love to invite you to our Christmas on the Green show on Saturday, December 13th, where students will be presenting the beautiful story "Jesus' Christmas Party."

Our students continue to show such gracious love for God, and throughout this month, we aim to refocus their hearts on the true meaning of Christmas, the celebration of Jesus' birth. In our classroom, we will enjoy Christmas crafts and special activities that help remind us of this wonderful truth.

In Math, we will be going to learn all about graphing data. Students will explore tally charts, bar graphs, and picture graphs. This is such an exciting chapter because it gives students many hands-on, visual ways to understand how we collect, sort, and record information.

In Reading, students will continue growing their comprehension skills by learning how to understand sentence meaning, recall facts and details, and follow multi-step directions carefully. We will also be reviewing all sight words learned so far this year as we prepare for stronger reading fluency and confidence.



BIANCA CASANOVA
STUDENT OF THE MONTH



EMMA GONZALEZ
STAR STUDENT

This month's Star Student of the Month is Bianca Casanova. Bianca is always so sweet to her classmates and willing to share with them. She brings a joyful spirit into our classroom, spreading kindness and giving to others in a way that truly reflects the heart of this season. Her cheerful spirit is a blessing in our classroom.

Our December Student of the Month is Emma Gonzalez. Emma has been working very hard in class, showing a strong dedication to learning and participating throughout the day. She has displayed excellent behaviour, a kind heart toward her classmates, and consistent effort in completing both classwork and homework. We are so proud of you, Emma!

As we enter this beautiful season, we want to thank you for your continued support and partnership. May this month fill your families with peace, joy, and the love of Christ. We pray that each child feels the wonder of Jesus' birth and carries His light wherever they go. As we celebrate the gift of Jesus this month, we are also reminded of the precious gifts God has placed in our classroom your children. Each one brings unique joy and light to our days, and we are so grateful for them.

Wishing you all a blessed December!

Mrs. Lauren and Mrs. Kelley





2ND GRADE

MS. DANAI PADRON

Dear Parents,



As we reflect on the month of November, we are grateful for the wonderful learning experiences and growth we have witnessed in our classroom. This month provided many opportunities for creativity and hands-on engagement. One of the highlights was our in-school field trip, where students explored new painting techniques and enjoyed creating two beautiful canvases of their own. Their enthusiasm and imagination truly shone through each brushstroke.

Looking ahead to December, we are excited to shift our spiritual focus to Psalm 100:1, which encourages us to **“Make a joyful shout to the Lord.”** Throughout the month, our lessons and discussions will center around the themes of joy, giving, and sharing. We will reflect on the true meaning of Christmas, the celebration of the birth of Jesus, and help the children understand the blessings that come from giving to others. This season provides a meaningful opportunity for students to practice kindness and generosity both in and out of the classroom.

Academically, our students continue to make strong progress across all subject areas. In English Language Arts, they are learning how to form plurals by adding “s” or “es,” and they are becoming more confident in applying these rules in their writing. In Mathematics, our focus has been on expanded form and practicing adding 10 more and 10 less to numbers, which helps strengthen their number sense and prepares them for upcoming skills.



BENJAMIN MYERS
STUDENT OF THE MONTH



MAIA ALVAREZ
STAR STUDENT



We are also thrilled to celebrate this month’s student achievements. Benjamin Myers has been selected as our Student of the Month. Benjamin consistently completes his classwork and homework with dedication and demonstrates the character traits of thankfulness and attentiveness. We are very proud of his efforts. Additionally, congratulations to Maia Alvarez, our Star Student, who continually models responsibility and obedience in the classroom. We are blessed to have students who lead by example.

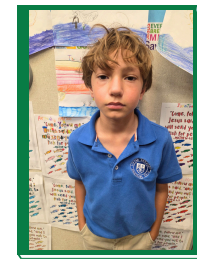
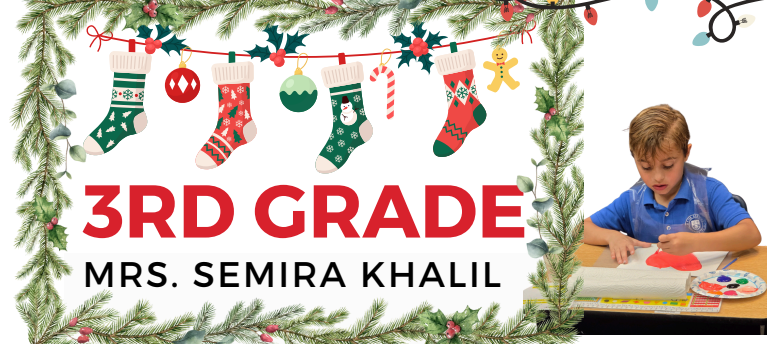
As we approach the holiday season, please take note of an important upcoming event. Our Christmas Show will be held on December 13th, and we kindly ask that you save the date. We look forward to celebrating this joyful occasion with you and your families.

Lastly, I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude for your continuous support, encouragement, and partnership in your child’s education. Your involvement makes a meaningful difference, and it is truly appreciated. Thank you for entrusting us with the privilege of teaching and guiding your children each day.

May God bless you and your families as we prepare our hearts for the Christmas season.

Warmest regards,
Ms. Danai





EZEKIEL ROBIOU
STUDENT OF THE MONTH

BRYSON VILLARCHAO
STAR STUDENT

November was a wonderful month filled with kindness, generosity, and gratitude. Our 3rd graders participated in meaningful activities that helped them grow in empathy and compassion toward others. Students created kindness canvases for hospitalized children, painting colorful artwork filled with encouragement, hope, and love. Each piece was designed to uplift young patients and remind them that they are cared for. They also worked on Kindness Jars, decorating their own jars and filling them with uplifting notes and messages to share with classmates throughout the year. These jars will serve as ongoing reminders to speak kindly and support one another

Throughout the month, we recognized students who demonstrated acts of kindness without being asked. Their thoughtful gestures and positive attitudes showed just how big their hearts truly are. We are so proud of the ways they chose to help and encourage others. In addition, students practiced diligently for their Thanksgiving Luncheon performance and sang beautifully during the event. Their hard work, dedication, and teamwork were evident, and their performance was a joy to watch.

Looking ahead, December will bring exciting learning opportunities using the Bob Jones Curriculum. In Bible, we will focus on the ministry of Jesus, along with lessons on obedience, trust, and serving others. Reading will center on Christmas stories, comprehension skills, morals, and character traits.

Language Arts will include friendly letters, descriptive writing, and continued grammar practice. Math lessons will cover multiplication, division, patterns, and word problems. In Science, students will explore energy, forces, simple machines, and engage in hands-on STEM activities. Social Studies will take us through early communities, maps, and holiday traditions around the world.

We are happy to recognize our outstanding students this month. Our Star Student, Bryson Villarchao, was chosen for excellent behavior, responsibility, leadership, and positivity. We also celebrate our Student of the Month, Ezekiel Robiou, honored for consistent academic effort, kindness, leadership, and for being a role model to peers.

Mark your calendars for our upcoming December events. The Women of Influence Christmas Brunch will take place on December 6, 2025, and Christmas on The Green will be on December 13, 2025. We look forward to sharing these special moments together. We close with our monthly Bible verse:

“Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.”
— Ephesians 4:32.

May this reminder guide us all during this season and beyond.

God Bless you,
Mrs. Semira



4TH GRADE MRS. BARBARA ARROYO

November passed quickly, and it's hard to believe the Christmas season is already here. As we reflect on Thanksgiving, I'd like to share some highlights from our month together. We celebrated our first-ever Kindness Week, where students painted canvases for hospitalized children, shared encouraging words, and looked for ways to lift one another up. Their compassion was inspiring and reminded us what a blessing it is to teach children who care deeply about others.

Our Thanksgiving lunch was another unforgettable moment. The children looked adorable dressed as pilgrims and did a fantastic job performing. Their confidence, sweet voices, and hard work truly shined. Families and students enjoyed lunch together, making for a warm and joyful start to the holiday break. Thank you to all who were able to join us and cheer them on! In the spirit of giving, our class also packed shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child and donated canned goods for the schoolwide food drive. Your generosity allowed our students to experience the joy of serving others, and we are grateful for your support.

Academically, November was full of learning. In Phonics and English, students studied different verb types and how to use them correctly. In Math, they practiced multiplication and division facts while exploring decimals. Bible lessons centered on God's omnipotence and Jeremiah 32:17. We completed our vertebrates studies in Science, learned about Reconstruction and Abraham Lincoln in Heritage Studies, and continued reading Medallion along with fables and parables to build comprehension and character understanding.



PENELOPE RODRIGUEZ
STUDENT OF THE MONTH



JAYCE VILARCHAO
STAR STUDENT



We are proud to celebrate two outstanding students this month. Student of the Month, Penelope Rodriguez, was recognized for academic excellence, enthusiastic participation, and her determination to excel. Star Student, Jayce Vilarchao, was chosen for showing empathy, kindness, and being a supportive friend. Congratulations to both students—you uplift our classroom every day!

Looking ahead, December lessons will include continued work with verbs, one-digit multiplication, learning about the Holy Trinity, beginning our study of the human digestive system, exploring westward expansion, and continuing Medallion while learning about Corrie ten Boom. Though December is shorter, it will be filled with rich learning, celebration, and special classroom memories. Please be sure to review our December calendar for events, reminders, and important dates.

Thank you for your faithful support and the encouragement you give your children. It strengthens our classroom community more than you know. If you have questions or concerns, I am always here to help. Wishing you a blessed December filled with joy and peace!

God Bless you,
Mrs. Babrie Arroyo





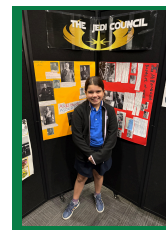
5TH GRADE

MR. DANIEL ALVAREZ

Hello Parents,



ALANIE DELGADO
STUDENT OF THE MONTH



CAMILA LLANES
STAR STUDENT

November was a wonderful month filled with joy, growth, and memorable experiences. Our students thrived during each of our fundraisers, enjoyed expressing their creativity on the Kindness Canvas field trip, and shined beautifully during our Thanksgiving program. We are grateful for every moment we shared as a classroom community.

This month, we are proud to spotlight two outstanding students for their exceptional character and hard work. Alanie Delgado, our Student of the Month, continues to impress us with her determination, positive attitude, honesty, discipline, and consistent effort to improve. Her dedication to learning is truly inspiring. We are also thrilled to recognize Camila Llanes as our Star Student of the Month. Camila embodies gratitude, peace, attentive listening, and empathy toward her classmates—qualities that enrich our classroom environment every day.

As we step into December, we have so much to look forward to; from festive classroom activities to our upcoming Christmas show. Please be sure to check ClassDojo and the class calendar regularly so you don't miss any important updates or events.

What to Expect in December

Language Arts

In Chapter 5, we have been learning how to write thoughtful and well-structured book reviews. Students are practicing how to clearly express their opinions and support them with strong reasons, relevant supporting details, and smooth transitional phrases. We have also focused on the proper structure of essays, and in the upcoming chapter, we will begin exploring adjectives and adverbs to enrich their writing even further.

Spelling

This month in Spelling, students will be introduced to prefixes such as en, ex, and in; the V-V vowel pattern; and derivational suffixes including -er, -ful, -ly, and -or. Our class continues to excel in their spelling assessments, and we will now begin incorporating word definitions to deepen understanding and build stronger vocabulary skills.

Reading

We are continuing Unit 2, where students have been reading a variety of biographies, fables, and folktales. Through these texts, they are learning to compare and contrast themes, lessons, and cultural messages. In addition, students will continue reading "The Horse and His Boy" with Ms. Rosalie as they strengthen comprehension and analytical thinking.

Social Studies

In Social Studies, we are beginning a new chapter on the rise of counterculture in the 1960s. Students will explore the major historical shifts of this time period and learn about the presidencies of Lyndon Johnson, Richard Nixon, and Gerald Ford, eventually moving into an introduction to the Carter presidency.

Bible

We are concluding our study of Joseph and his time in Egypt, reflecting on God's faithfulness and Joseph's obedience. Next, we will begin learning about Moses—his calling, his leadership, and his role in guiding God's people. As we enter the Christmas season, we will also focus on the birth of Jesus and the significance of this precious story.

Science

We are examining God's wisdom and precision in creation as we learn about ecosystems and the relationships between different organisms. We will be learning about how we benefit from creation and ways we can steward it faithfully.

Math

We are diving headfirst into the wonderful world of division! This is a welcome review of last year's skills while preparing to take on more challenging elements of pre-algebra.

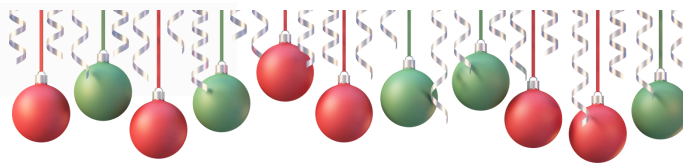
Thank you for your continued support. We are excited for a joyful and meaningful month ahead!

Mr. Daniel Alvarez & Ms. Erika Elesppe



6TH GRADE

MRS. ERIKA ELESPE



Dear Parents,

As we enter December and step into the Advent season, our classroom focus turns toward Joy, Giving, and Sharing. This is a beautiful time to reflect on God's blessings and the joy that comes from extending those blessings to others.

Math
This month we begin our unit in Geometry, exploring coordinates, ordered pairs, shapes, and transformations. Students will develop their spatial reasoning skills as we consider the order and design within God's created world.

Reading
We are continuing our study of nonfiction texts, learning how authors use literary tools such as allegory, idiom, and theme to communicate deeper messages. Our readings and discussions will center on true stories that highlight kindness, generosity, and community service. Students will identify the author's purpose, reflect on the messages conveyed, and consider how to apply those values in their own lives.

English Language Arts
In ELA, our focus is on recognizing and using action, linking, and helping verbs correctly. We will also continue developing fluency and precision in both handwriting and keyboarding.
We emphasize that strong writing skills – the physical dexterity of forming letters and typing – allow the mind to communicate ideas with greater clarity, speed, and grace.

Science
Our Science studies continue with Earth's natural resources, including the difference between renewable and non-renewable materials. We will also explore God's wisdom in creation as we study the defining characteristics of living things.

History
We will conclude our study of Ancient Egypt and begin learning about the Kush and Assyrian civilizations. From there, we will embark on a rich exploration of Ancient Israel – examining its history, culture, faith, and lasting influence on Western civilization.

Bible Studies
Having completed our study of the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke, we now transition to the Gospel of John. This shift brings us from narrative-focused accounts to a more theological and deeply personal portrait of Jesus Christ – His identity, His mission, and His love.

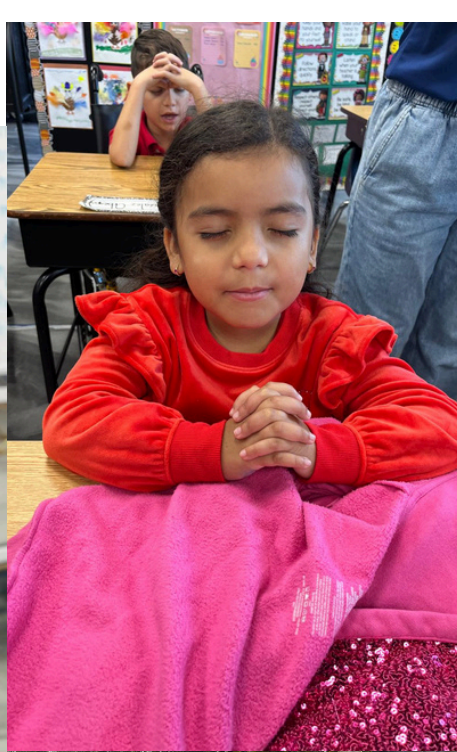
Throughout this month, we encourage you to look for opportunities to practice generosity and service with your student. These small, intentional acts reinforce the virtues we are studying and help shape hearts that reflect Christ.

It is a blessing to partner with you in nurturing these young minds and hearts for His glory.

God bless you,
Erika M. Elespe
Daniel Alvarez



SCHOOL PICTURES



CHURCH EVENTS



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD: TOY SHOEBOX OUTREACH

We have collected a total of 1,082 shoeboxes from our congregation, 60 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

Every other Monday, at 7:00 PM In the Sanctuary & Cafe Join us for discipleship as we continue a study on the "Xristos Factor" for men & "The Women of the Bible" for the ladies. Please see Danny DaCosta or Estelle Myers for more info.



CHRISTMAS TREES FUNDRAISER

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

CHRISTMAS ON THE GREEN



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Saturday, Dec. 13th from 3:30 - 5:30 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: Followed after Christmas on the Green in the amphitheater.

You and your family are invited to a spectacular Christmas show outside in the amphitheater. Bring your blankets and enjoy the show under the stars.



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.