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JANUARY 2026



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TEACHER WORKDAY
January 16th, 2026
No School for VPK-6th Grade (daycare only).
Regular schedule for 2 and 3-year-olds.



SCHOOL CLOSED
January 19th, 2026
Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday



FIELD TRIP
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January 28th, 2026
2's - Kindergarten only.



PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES
January 20th -23rd: To review 1st Semester Report Cards for ALL students at Lifted Academy. Be sure to schedule a conference with your child's teacher now!



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JANUARY

SUNDAY

MONDAY

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SATURDAY

Happy
New Year

2026

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CLOSED

No School!
New Years Day

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CLOSED

Winter Break
School Closed

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School
Resumes!

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Awana
Christian Scouts
Clubs 6:45 PM

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PTF Meeting
6:30pm

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MISSIONS
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TESTING
3RD - 6TH



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TESTING
Kinder - 2ND

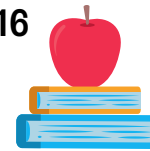


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Kinder - 2ND



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Teacher Workday
No School
Day Care Only

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No School!
Martin Luther
King Jr. Holiday

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Report Cards & Parent / Teacher Conferences

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Awana
Christian Scouts
Clubs 6:45 PM

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Student
Awards 10 AM
Honor Roll Awards
10:00 AM

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2's - Kinder
Parent Seminar
7:00 PM
with Dr.
Estelle
Myers



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1st - 6th Grade



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THE PRINCIPLES OF THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year! Welcome 2026. A new year seems to always bring with it new hopes and dreams for the future. Regardless of what may have happened in the past, a brand new year unfolds before our eyes with a myriad of possibilities laid out before us. For many, this is a time for second chances, a “do-over” if you will. Every person, gets to begin each new year with a clean slate just waiting for the pages to be written out one by one, with the hope that somehow, this year- we will get it right. This is the year that we will succeed, prosper, grow, or whatever else you want to fill in the blank space with, for this is your life and you are in control to make it happen. But are you really?

The reality of life sets in for most, and the hopes and aspirations of January begin to wane by summers end. So, what’s it going to take this year to make things end differently in 2026 that it did in 2025? For the most part, human beings are creatures of habit, and tend to follow past patterns of behaviors, especially when encountering stressful situations in life. We saw this very much to be true during Covid when people were isolated and left to themselves; research found that many reverted back to past routine behaviors, which caused a spike in depression and dysfunctional behaviors that many thought they had overcome.

Many in this world want to think of themselves as self-sufficient and capable adults that don’t need anything or anyone to help them through this life. But the reality is that everyone one needs someone. Someone to bounce off ideas, someone to laugh and play with, someone to love them and care for them. Human beings were designed to be interactive and communicative with other human beings. We are, in fact, the only mammal species that keeps their young at home for 18 plus years! And when we don’t have someone to help us work through difficult experiences, we seem to spiral out of control and fail to reach our full potential as human beings. In other words, we get stuck. Some call it for the young, delayed adolescence; for others we label them as depressed or say they are filled with fear and anxiety that keep them from moving forward in their lives. For the severely lonely or dejected ones, they may become sociopathic and lash out at others with irrational types of behaviors that harm other people, because they don’t know how to handle such deep-seated emotional hurt, so they seek to hurt others. The saying is true, even misery needs company.

Today, we hear so many newscasters speak of a pandemic of mental disorders within our society, and well we may have. However, I would venture to say, that if many of us would simply look to someone outside of ourselves, like Jesus, we would find the one who could guide us through those hurt feelings, someone who could hear our hearts, someone who could forgive our past, someone who could give us true hope that would last more than just a few weeks, days, or hours. A hope that is real- one that will inspire us to live a better life, a healthier life. A hope that encourages us to lead a life that serves other and does not allow us to focus on simply our own needs and desires.

Hope is a powerful motivator. It is when one loses all sense of hope, that mental illness occurs. If the loss of hope continues over a long period of time, many will seek to take their life or the lives of others, as they can no longer see the value of continuing on- they are stuck. Someone once said that a grave is simply a rut with both ends kicked out. When people lose hope, they are stuck in the worse sort of rut one can imagine, one that leads to death. The crux of the problem is that people tend to place their hope in things that are going to disappoint them and cause them more pain. They will place their hope in fallible human beings, inanimate objects like money and materialism, or perhaps in fame and power. These are all things that wane and eventually will bring disappointment.

God says that if you place your hope in Jesus, you will never be disappointed. As Scripture says,

**‘ANYONE WHO BELIEVES IN HIM WILL NEVER BE PUT TO SHAME’ (DISGRACED).”
ROMANS 10:11**

In addition to the Holy Trinity of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit, there is also the trinity of Faith, Hope, and Love found in
I CoR. 13:13

“WE FIND FAITH IN GOD THE FATHER, AND TRANSFORMATIVE LOVE IN GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT. BUT IT IS IN GOD THE SON, JESUS, WHO OFFERS HOPE TO ALL OF MANKIND.”

True hope that never disappoints us in this life or the life to come, is found in the life of Christ. If it weren't for Jesus, we would all be destined to a life of destruction, a life void of hope. If this life is as good as it gets, then we are all in trouble, and there would be no motivation for any of us to continue on in this life. But God...in Jesus Christ, we find a hope that last eternally. The apostle Paul put it this way,

How do we come upon such hope? The bottom line is that without Christ, we are lost and destined to live this life apart from our Father, God, who is holy. Again, Paul explains our destiny this way,

**“THE WAGES (PRICE OR CONSEQUENCES) OF OUR SINS IS DEATH (ETERNAL SEPARATION FROM A HOLY GOD), BUT THE GIFT OF GOD IS ETERNAL LIFE THROUGH JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD.”
(ROMANS 3:23)**

This is what we just celebrated in Christmas last month. Jesus left his home in Glory (heaven) to pay the “price” for our sins, by sacrificing His sinless/holy life for all of mankind, that we might be reconciled back to our Father in heaven. In doing so, Jesus gives all of mankind true hope- hope that lasts a lifetime, hope that never disappoints. This is the kind of hope that maintains our faith throughout this life.

Hope is a very real necessity to live. It is this kind of lasting hope that fuels our faith, that inspires our lives and motivates us to tell the world that our Father who is in heaven, truly wants His will to be done on earth as it is in His Kingdom. This year, 2026, is the year to spread His Love, His Faith and His Hope to our community. Lifted Church and Academy are devoted to Jesus Christ and dedicated to fulfilling the will of our heavenly Father. The reason why we are seeking to build a new facility, is so that we can spread the Good News of Jesus, and the hope that He alone can bring to people's lives. It is Jesus who heals broken families, it is Jesus who heals the broken hearted, it is Jesus who brings life to dead things, and it is only Jesus who gives us faith that will never lead to disappointment or despair. It is only Jesus who brings true hope in this life. This is why I know that Jesus will see our building project through to fruition and it is Jesus who will bless our children and our families in this community. It is His love and personal sacrifice that gets us through our personal lives each and every day, regardless of our circumstances.

“FOR FROM HIM AND THROUGH HIM AND FOR HIM ARE ALL THINGS. TO HIM BE THE GLORY AND HONOR FOREVER! AMEN!” (ROMANS 11:36)

May 2026 bring continued blessings in your lives and the lives of your children as you seek to place Jesus first in all things; for I am confident that if you do- you will never be put to shame. May God bless us all in a mighty way this coming year and may His glory be revealed in all our lives.

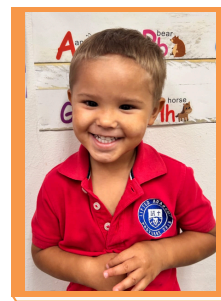
In His Service and Yours,

Dr. Estelle C. Myers
School Administrator





LUISA SEIFERT
STAR STUDENT



MOSES BOLAND
STUDENT OF THE MONTH



Our celebrations continued with a delightful Breakfast with Santa, where we captured special memories through photos, exchanged small gifts, and enjoyed outdoor playtime. The festivities concluded back in the classroom with surprises and a book exchange.

As we begin the second semester, marked by winter weather; rain, wind, and snow. We are excited to start a new learning exploration with Unit 14: "It's Winter Outside the Window."

Your continued support is essential to our work, and we kindly ask that you ensure your children come dressed warmly with appropriate winter clothing.

During the month of January, our theme will be "God Takes Care of Me." We will be memorizing the verse from **James 5:8: "Be patient."** Each activity will reinforce the character traits of patience, hope, and gentleness. Additionally, we will be reading Exodus chapter 2, learning from the story of Moses and discovering how God shows His love and patience toward the people of Israel.

Thank you for your continued partnership and trust. We look forward to a wonderful semester ahead!

Special Recognitions

👉 Student of the Month: Luisa Seifert
Luisa stands out for sharing her toys with her classmates and for supporting and teaching reverence during prayer time. She loves reading and makes sure everyone is attentive and ready for the projects we work on.

★ Star Student: Moses Boland
Moses is known for his constant joy, his willingness to play with his classmates, and his enthusiasm in helping clean up always leaving everything in its place with a smile.

We sincerely thank you for your attention, support, and continued collaboration in each of our activities. Your generosity is invaluable and a great blessing to our classroom.

Thank you for continuing to learn and play alongside your children!

With love,
Mrs. Myriam Rojas and Ms. Laura Barreto

MIGHTY 2'S

MRS. MYRIAM ROJAS & MS. LAURA BARETTO

Dear Families of the 2-Year-Old Class,

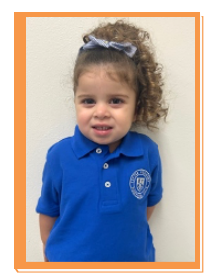
We hope you are all doing very well and enjoying this special time together as a family, embracing the cooler weather, the winter winds, the cozy moments, and perhaps a warm cup of hot chocolate.

We are pleased to share some highlights from our recent Christmas celebrations, during which we learned meaningful lessons about the true significance of Christmas. Our focus was on the birth of Baby Jesus and emphasizing moments of family unity around the manger. The children learned about love through the humble shepherds and the animals surrounding Baby Jesus not only during the preparation of the Christmas play, but also through song rehearsals and our weekly chapel visits on Mondays. We taught the children that Christmas is not only about receiving gifts, but also about giving.

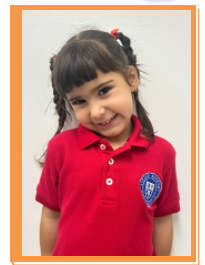
Other gestures the children learned include simple gestures such as a hug, saying "I love you," "thank you," and "I'm sorry," without expecting anything in return. This was beautifully reflected as the children shared with one another, cared for their friends during playtime, generously lent their toys, and enthusiastically helped decorate the classroom with the crafts they created.

Additionally, the children strengthened their fine motor skills by using their fingers, hands, and paint brushes. They practiced tearing paper with their fingers; glued cotton; and engaged in tactile and sensory experiences. They helped prepare a Christmas tree made with apples, grapes, and cheese, as well as a snowman crafted from marshmallows, pretzel sticks, and mini chocolates. Experiencing these moments together was a joyful journey and a sweet discovery for everyone.





MARCELA LLANES
STUDENT OF THE MONTH



ANGELINA AGUIRRE DIAZ
STAR STUDENT

2026

Wishing you a
BLESSED
New Year!

BLESSED 3'S

MS. KATHLYN DIAZ & MS. SHIRLEY SERNA

Hello Parents!

We wish you all a happy New Year! We hope you all enjoyed your break, and we are excited to be back in the classroom! December was a month full of joy in the three's classroom. Every day, they were excited to come into school, and that excitement will live on for the rest of the year.

Let's take a look back at December. We focused on what is 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 went over in December were joy, giving, and sharing. Our Bible verse was "Make a joyful shout to the Lord,"

- Psalm 100:1. The Bible stories we went over 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)

In addition to our Bible lessons, we went over 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 and the colors silver and gold.

December was a busy but joyful month for us. We wanted to say thank you to the families who attended Christmas on the Green/Annual Christmas Program. It is always awesome to see parents participating with their child in school events, and 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.

We also had our Breakfast with Santa, Book Exchange, and classroom party. The children had a lot of fun taking pictures with "Santa" and giving their friends a book. Thank you again to the parents who donated food for these events. Again, we could not have done it without you.

We also want to take a moment to celebrate two special students in our class. Congratulations to Marcela Llanes, our Student of the Month! Marcela is a very special girl who is a hard worker. She always puts so much effort into completing our daily activities. She is always ready to learn! We also want to give congratulations to our Star Student, Angelina Aguirre Diaz. Angelina is a joyful child who is always willing to share with her friends. She never fails to have a smile on her face. She has a giving heart, and both girls have been a joy to have in our class this year. We are so proud of you both!

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 be going over are patience, hope, and gentleness. The Bible stories we will go over 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 go through Unit 10: I Like Church and Unit 11: I Can Discover Winter. The letters we will be focusing on are Mm, Nn, and Oo, as well as the colors white and blue. We are focusing on the number 5 and the rectangle shape.

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 this new year!

Blessings,
Ms. Kat & Mrs. Shirley



VPK

MRS. CATALINA DEL REAL

LOOKING BACK

December was a busy month. The Christmas Program was spectacular, and the students really worked hard for their performance. They truly enjoyed Santa's visit and the book exchange. Thank you so much for all of your input and support in helping make these activities a huge success.

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

There is no better New Year's resolution than what begins with the words of the Apostle Paul in Philippians 3:7-8. He writes that whatever was once considered gain is now considered loss for the sake of Christ. Everything is considered a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus our Lord, for whose sake all things were lost.

LOOKING AHEAD

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

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

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

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

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

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

In Bible Time, we will be learning the following stories. Moses' parents wait on God to protect their son. Moses frees the Hebrew slaves in Egypt after four hundred years. God is patient and gives the Ten Commandments. The Hebrews wait forty years to enter the Promised Land. The Bible verse is **"Let Us Be Patient" James 5:8**. The character development traits we will be focusing on are patience, hope, and gentleness.

God Bless You,
Mrs. Catalina Del Real



LUCIA FRANCO
STUDENT OF THE MONTH



CIELO TORRES REYES
STAR STUDENT

Congratulations to Lucia Franco. She is our Student of the Month due to her exceptional academic abilities. Lucia quickly grasps new concepts and shows a keen understanding of the material. I am so delighted with her academic performance. Way to go, Lucia. Keep it up.

Congratulations to Cielo Torres Reyes, our Star Student. Cielo consistently demonstrates exceptional behavior, treating others and teachers with kindness, respect, and compassion. She embodies the character traits of patience, hope, and gentleness, making her a shining example to her peers. We are proud of Cielo and her outstanding character.



SAMANTHA GROSSY
STUDENT OF THE MONTH



MATTISON HOYOS
STAR STUDENT

KINDERGARTEN

MRS. MARIA JOSE & MS. TIFFANY LUCK

Dear Families,

Although we only had two weeks together this month, they were filled with meaningful learning, joyful moments, and wonderful accomplishments. Your children worked very hard, and we are so proud of all they achieved in such a short time.

The Best Time of the Year

One of our main focuses this month was preparing our hearts for Christmas. The students spent many hours practicing songs for our Christmas show, and they did a beautiful job singing with joy and confidence. Most importantly, we emphasized the true meaning of Christmas: to glorify and to lift Jesus up, to celebrate the birth of the King of Kings, and welcome Him into our lives and hearts.

Review and Assessments

During these two weeks, we also spent time reviewing and assessing the content the students have been learning throughout the semester. The children completed simple reviews and assessments to help summarize and reinforce their understanding across different subjects.

What We Reviewed and Learned

Math

- Reviewed addition
- Practiced number recognition and counting up to 50

Language Arts

- Strengthened reading comprehension skills
- Added new word families
- Continued learning about the animals of God's Kingdom and their different characteristics

Reading

- Finished two additional books
- Reviewed all sight words learned so far

Bible

- Focused on the story of Jesus and His birth
- Emphasized the importance and meaning of Christmas as we celebrate our Savior

Christmas Celebrations

The students greatly enjoyed their class Christmas party and Breakfast with Santa. They had so much fun taking pictures with Santa, sharing breakfast, and opening special presents from him. It was a joyful and memorable experience for everyone!

A heartfelt thank you to the parents who came to help and support us during this special day. Your time, generosity, and involvement made the celebration extra special for the children, and we truly appreciate your partnership.

Student of the Month - Samantha Grossy

Congratulations to Samantha Grossy, our Student of the Month! Samantha has shown great improvement academically. Her dedication, effort, and willingness to learn have truly stood out. We are so proud of her progress and encourage her to continue working hard and believing in herself.

Star Student - Mattison Hoyos

Congratulations to Mattison Hoyos, our Star Student! Mattison is kind, respectful, and consistently shows care toward everyone around her. She is especially thoughtful with her classmates and teachers, setting a wonderful example of love and respect in our classroom.

Thank you for your continued support and encouragement at home, especially as the children practiced for the Christmas program. Your partnership means so much to us. We pray this New Year season brings peace, joy, and love to your families.

Warm blessings,
Mrs. Maria Jose Grossy & Ms. Tiffany Luck



1ST GRADE

LAUREN NIETO & KELLEY PRIETO

HAPPY
New Year



JEANA DIAZ
STUDENT OF THE MONTH



ADONIS DACOSTA
STAR STUDENT

Hello Parents,

Happy New Year! We can't believe we are already in 2026 and halfway through the school year. It has been such a blessing to teach your little ones and get to know their bright and unique personalities. We are very excited for the remainder of the school year, as there is something special to look forward to each month.

This month, we will be holding Parent-Teacher conferences to review our second-semester report cards.

In Bible, we have begun our lessons on the Ten Commandments and will continue with lessons on Joshua and Caleb. Our students truly enjoy Bible class and are always engaged during these meaningful lessons.

In Math, we will be finishing our unit on bar graphs, picture graphs, and tally charts. We will then begin learning about the value of coins, starting with pennies, nickels, and dimes, and practicing how to count them.

In Language Arts, students will continue working on handwriting worksheets. They are doing an amazing job, and we have seen tremendous growth in handwriting across the class. Students will also take their first phonics unit test and then begin Unit 2.

In Science, we have begun our chapter on plants. Students will plant lima bean seeds in class, and this will become a take-home project. At home, students will observe their plants and document growth and changes in their plant journals. This hands-on activity will help students better understand plant needs and plant growth.

Our Star Student for January is Adonis DaCosta. Adonis has shown wonderful growth across all areas and consistently puts forth his best effort in classwork, homework, and projects. We are so proud of his hard work and active class participation and look forward to seeing him continue to thrive.

Our Student of the Month is Jeana Diaz, who consistently demonstrates the beautiful character trait of patience. Jeana patiently waits her turn to participate and shows kindness toward her classmates. She also demonstrates gentleness and a hopeful attitude, making her a wonderful role model in our classroom. In addition, this will be our fundraising month, so stay tuned for ways to help our school raise money for our new building. Thank you for your continued support and partnership. We are looking forward to a wonderful month ahead!

Warm regards,
Ms. Lauren & Ms. Kelley



MS. DANAI PADRON

2ND GRADE

Dear Parents,

As we reflect on the month of December, it has truly been a joyful and meaningful time in our classroom. Throughout the month, the students engaged in learning about the true meaning of Christmas and the birth of Jesus. They demonstrated enthusiasm and understanding as we explored these important lessons together. One of the highlights of the month was the Christmas concert, where the children proudly showcased their hard work and dedication. It was wonderful to see their confidence and excitement as they performed, and we are so proud of their efforts.

As we look ahead to January, our spiritual focus will center on James 5:8, which reminds us to **“be patient.”** Throughout the month, we will place a strong emphasis on developing the character traits of patience, hope, and gentleness. Students will be encouraged to rely on Jesus’ promises and deepen their understanding of what it means to live out the fruit of the Spirit in their daily lives, both inside and outside the classroom.

Academically, our students continue to show growth and determination across all subject areas. In English, they will be learning about different ways to talk about the past, strengthening both their speaking and writing skills. In Reading, the focus will be on drama and character development, helping students better understand stories and the roles characters play within them. In Math, students will begin learning how to add two-digit numbers and will also be introduced to timetables, building a strong foundation for future mathematical concepts.



▲ VINH AYME
STUDENT OF THE MONTH



JEROC JEREZ
STAR STUDENT

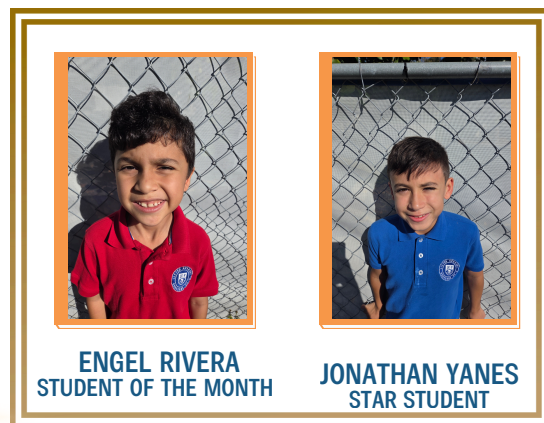
I am also pleased to recognize our outstanding students for the month. Vinh Ayme has been named Student of the Month for her consistent effort, timely completion of classwork, and willingness to help and support her classmates. Additionally, congratulations to Jeroc Jerez, our Star Student, who has shown noticeable improvement in demonstrating patience and gentleness. We are very proud of both students and their positive contributions to our classroom community.

Finally, I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to all of you for your continued support, encouragement, and involvement in your child’s education. Your partnership plays an essential role in your child’s growth and success, and it is truly appreciated.

Thank you for your ongoing commitment, and I look forward to another wonderful month of learning together.

Best regards,
Miss Danai

Happy New Year!



3RD GRADE

MRS. SEMIRA KHALIL

December was a joyful and busy month in our 3rd grade classroom! We ended the year filled with learning, celebration, and special memories that truly reflected the meaning of the Christmas season.

December Highlights

Our students enjoyed several special activities throughout the month. During Christmas on the Green, students participated in a festive school-wide celebration honoring the birth of Jesus through fellowship and fun activities. Breakfast with Santa brought smiles, laughter, and holiday cheer as students enjoyed a memorable morning together. We also shared a Secret Santa Class Gift Exchange, where students practiced kindness, gratitude, and excitement while giving and receiving gifts.

Academics - Bob Jones Curriculum

In Bible, students focused on the true meaning of Christmas, God's gift of salvation, and applying Biblical truths to daily life. Reading and Language Arts lessons strengthened reading comprehension, vocabulary, grammar, and sentence structure. In Math, students practiced multiplication facts, review skills, and problem-solving strategies. Science lessons explored God's creation through hands-on activities and discussions. Heritage Studies focused on historical concepts, geography skills, and community awareness. In Writing, students worked on paragraph writing, organization, and clear expression of ideas.

Student Recognitions

- ★ Star Student - Jonathan Yanes
Jonathan was chosen for demonstrating outstanding effort, leadership, responsibility, and a positive attitude. He consistently sets a wonderful example for his peers.
- 🏆 Student of the Month - Engel Rivera
Engel was selected for showing Christ-like character, respect, responsibility, and consistent improvement both academically and behaviorally. He has shown great dedication to learning.

January Learning Preview

In Bible, students will focus on trusting God, applying Biblical principles, and developing Christ-like character. Reading will emphasize identifying main idea and details, story elements, and making inferences. Language Arts will cover parts of speech, sentence structure, and grammar rules. Writing lessons will include organized paragraph writing, responding to prompts, and editing work. Math will focus on mastery of multiplication facts and an introduction to division concepts. Science will explore life science concepts through observations and discussions about God's creation. Heritage Studies will cover communities, citizenship, maps, and timelines.

A Thank You to Our Families

Thank you to all of our parents and families for your continued support, cooperation, and encouragement throughout this school year. Your partnership, generosity, and involvement make a meaningful difference in your child's learning and growth. I am truly grateful for your trust and support as we work together to guide and encourage our students.

**"Commit thy works unto the Lord, and thy thoughts shall be established."
Proverbs 16:3**

God Bless You,
Mrs. Semira



KAYLANA MUNOZ-MONROY
STAR STUDENT



MIA NIETO
STUDENT OF THE MONTH

4TH GRADE

MRS. BARBARA ARROYO

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year!

December flew by in the blink of an eye, and it's hard to believe we are already welcoming a new year. Although the month was short, it was filled with meaningful moments, special celebrations, and wonderful accomplishments. Let's take a moment to reflect on all the joy and success we shared in December.

December Highlights

The month began with an incredibly sweet surprise on my birthday. I was greeted with balloons, gifts, and heartfelt notes from the children. As if that wasn't enough, I was also surprised with a lunch celebration where we enjoyed Pollo Tropical and delicious cupcakes together. I was truly touched by all the love and thoughtfulness thank you all so very much.

Speaking of birthdays, the children also enjoyed celebrating Jayce's birthday in class with Happy Meals and ice cream cake. A special thank-you to Sol and Nick for allowing us to celebrate Jayce and for providing such a wonderful lunch surprise.

We also had an amazing time preparing for our Christmas show. The children's hard work and dedication during rehearsals truly paid off, and their performance was outstanding. Special kudos to Kamila and Gianna for their wonderful narration, Mia for portraying Mary so beautifully, and Joshua, Jayce, Rebecca, and Kaylana for their phenomenal duets. A heartfelt thank-you to Ms. Mariana for working so tirelessly with the children to put together such a beautiful production.

In the spirit of the season, the children enjoyed a delightful Breakfast with Santa, complete with photos to capture those special memories. They also celebrated with their classmates at a fun-filled class party that included a Secret Santa book exchange. Thank you to all the parents who contributed to making the party such a success. I would also like to express my sincere gratitude for the thoughtful Christmas gifts you all gave me—I truly appreciate your kindness.

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

Looking Ahead: January Curriculum

Here's a preview of what the children will be learning this month:

Phonics & English

- Proper usage of adjectives and adverbs
- Writing book reports
- Class reading of the novel Medallion

Math

- Multiplication
- Geometry: Plane figures

Bible

- How and why we should glorify God
- Understanding the sin nature

Science

- Internal structures of vertebrates, including the muscular and skeletal systems

Heritage Studies

- Life after the Civil War and the changes it brought about

In addition to our regular curriculum, we will be completing mid-year diagnostic testing through i-Ready. This will help us measure the progress the children have made so far. Once testing is complete and reports are available, I will discuss the results with you so you are aware of your child's strengths and areas that may need additional reinforcement.

Please be sure to review our January calendar for upcoming events, activities, and important notes. And now, on to the children's favorite part of the newsletter!

Student Recognitions

I am proud to recognize two outstanding students this month:

- Student of the Month: Mia Nieto – for her academic excellence and active participation in class
- Star Student of the Month: Kaylana Munoz-Monroy – for her loving and kind nature toward everyone around her

Congratulations, Mia and Kaylana! Keep up the amazing work!

Closing Thoughts

Thank you for your continued support and for always being present when it matters most. I appreciate each and every one of you more than you know.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out. Together, we can make the second half of the school year successful and rewarding for your children.

God bless you,
Mrs. Barbie



5TH GRADE

MR. DANIEL ALVAREZ &
MS. ROSALIE DE ARMAS



RAFAEL MAESTRE QUIROZ
STUDENT OF THE MONTH

IVANA CERVERA
STAR STUDENT

Hello Parents,

Welcome back! We hope you and your families had a restful and joyful break. December was a wonderful month filled with fun, learning, and holiday cheer. Our Christmas show, classroom parties, and Breakfast with Santa were truly special, and we are so proud of our students for their continued dedication, effort, and enthusiasm.

This month, we are excited to spotlight two outstanding students for their exceptional character and hard work. Rafael Maestre Quiroz, our Student of the Month, continues to impress us with determination, a positive attitude, honesty, discipline, and a consistent desire to improve. This commitment to learning is truly inspiring.

We are also thrilled to recognize Ivana Cervera as our Star Student of the Month. Ivana consistently demonstrates joy, kindness, and a generous spirit of giving and sharing with classmates—qualities that make our classroom a brighter and more welcoming place each day.

What to Expect in January

As we begin the new year, we are excited to build upon the strong foundation students developed in December. January will be a month of continued growth, deeper learning, and new challenges across all subject areas.

Language Arts

In Language Arts, we are wrapping up our in-depth study of adjectives. We intentionally spent extra time on this skill to ensure students truly understand how adjectives enhance writing and add detail to sentences. With this solid foundation in place, we will move into a new chapter focused on verbs, where students will learn how action and linking verbs bring sentences to life and strengthen overall communication.

Spelling

Building on our work with prefixes from last month, students will continue exploring how prefixes change word meanings. Since the class has been doing an excellent job on spelling assessments, we will continue incorporating word definitions. This added focus will help students deepen their understanding and strengthen their overall vocabulary skills.

Reading

Students will continue working through Unit 2, where they are engaging with a variety of biographies, fables, and folktales. Through these texts, they will further develop their ability to compare and contrast themes, lessons, and cultural messages.

Social Studies

In Social Studies, we are moving into a new chapter exploring the rise of counterculture in the 1960s. Students will examine major historical changes during this time and learn about the presidencies of Lyndon Johnson, Richard Nixon, and Gerald Ford. As the unit progresses, we will begin an introduction to the Carter presidency, helping students understand how leadership and society continued to evolve.

Bible

In Bible class, we will begin learning about Moses—his calling, leadership, and obedience as God used him to guide His people. As we move beyond the Christmas season, students will also reflect on the birth of Jesus and continue discussing the importance and meaning of this foundational story in our faith.

Science

Students will continue examining God's wisdom and precision in creation as we study ecosystems and the relationships between different organisms. We will focus on how living things depend on one another, how creation benefits us, and the responsibility we have to steward God's creation faithfully.

Math

In Math, we are jumping into the exciting world of division. This unit will serve as a helpful review of previously learned skills while also preparing students for more advanced problem-solving and early pre-algebra concepts.

January is shaping up to be a meaningful and productive month. Thank you for your continued support, and please remember to check ClassDojo and the class calendar regularly for updates and important dates. We are looking forward to a great start to the new year!

Sincerely,
Mr. Daniel Alvarez & Ms. Erika Elespe



6TH GRADE

MS. ERIKA ELPESE

2026
Happy New Year!

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year! We hope you had a restful and blessed Christmas break filled with the joy of the season. As we welcome the students back for the second half of the school year, we are excited to see their refreshed energy and focus. We look forward to a month of growth as we continue our academic journey and deepen our understanding of God's creation and Word.

Academic Outlook: Continuing Our Journey

We are building upon the strong foundations laid in December. Here is what is ahead for our sixth graders:

- **Mathematics:** We are continuing our exploration of Geometry. After mastering coordinates and ordered pairs, we are now diving deeper into shapes and transformations. Students will be practicing translations, reflections, and rotations, seeing firsthand the order and symmetry present in our world.
- **English Language Arts:** Our focus remains on the mechanics of strong writing. We are transitioning from identifying action, linking, and helping verbs to applying them with greater precision in original compositions. We will continue to refine our handwriting and keyboarding skills, emphasizing that physical dexterity serves the higher purpose of clear communication.
- **Reading & Nonfiction:** We are still immersed in nonfiction, but with a new emphasis on biographies. We will continue to analyze how authors use allegories and idioms to tell the stories of historical figures who lived lives of extraordinary service and faith.
- **Science:** We are moving from Earth's resources into a more detailed study of biology. This month, we will be classifying living organisms and examining the complex systems that sustain life, marveling at the wisdom of God's design.
- **History:** Our "deep dive" into Ancient Israel continues. Having established the origins of the Israelite people, we will now look at the era of the Kings and the profound cultural legacy they left for Western civilization.
- **Bible Studies:** We remain in the Gospel of John. This month, we will focus on the "I Am" statements of Jesus, exploring the deep theological truths and the personal relationship He invites us into.

Looking Ahead

As we settle back into our routines, we encourage you to talk with your child about their goals for the new semester. Whether it is improving their precision in Math or finding deeper meaning in their Bible readings, we are here to support them every step of the way.

It is a privilege to continue this partnership with you in nurturing your children's hearts and minds.

God Bless You,

Erika M. Elpespe and Daniel Alvarez



SCHOOL PICTURES



EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES



TLT Sports

Soccer - **Mondays** at 2:45 and 3:25
 Basketball - **Wednesdays** at 2:45 and 3:25
 Volleyball - **Fridays** at 2:45 and 3:25



Interpreted Dance with Christina Blanco

Please sign up at the front desk.
 Dates coming soon.



CHURCH MINISTRIES



LIFTED LIFE GROUPS - Let's do Life Together!

Sign up to join, host, or lead a life group.
 Scan this QR code and sign up to be a part of a group today!



MEN & WOMEN'S DISCIPLESHIP CLASSES

Mondays @ 7:00 PM (Second and 4th Mondays)

Join us for an in-depth men's and women's discipleship class every other Monday Night beginning January 12th 2026. The women are led by Dr. Estelle Myers as she goes through the women of the Bible and the men are led by Danny DaCosta, going through the Xristos Factor.



AWANA CHRISTIAN CLUBS

Wensdays pm 6:45- 8:15pm

3 years - 5th Grade

Awana Clubs begins at 6:45 PM and all families are welcome to register their kids.



DNA SUNDAY CLASS

Join us for DNA Class - Discovering Church Membership every Sunday at 9:30 AM with P. Bob Brumley in the back right classroom and DNA Plus - Discovering My Ministry and Mission, with Dr. Estelle Myers in the Office.

