

LIFTED ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2026



Save THE Date



PARENT-TEACHER FELLOWSHIP
MARCH 6TH @ 6:30PM VIA ZOOM



TEACHER WORK DAY
MARCH 20TH
SCHOOL CLOSED
DAYCARE ONLY



ICE CREAM SOCIAL - OPEN HOUSE
MARCH 17TH 6PM - 8PM



SPRING BREAK
MARCH 23 - 27TH
NO SCHOOL
DAYCARE ONLY



AWARDS CHAPEL
MARCH 16TH
8:45am Preshcool - K
9:45 am 1ST - 6TH Grade








PICTURE DAY
MARCH 18TH PRE-K - KINDER
MARCH 19TH 1ST - 6TH GRADE

LIFTED GALA **LIFTED CHURCH GALA 2026**
Save the Date!
Friday, April 17 at 6:00 PM

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 	3	4  Every Wednesday 7PM	5  PTF Parent Teacher Fellowship Zoom Meeting 6:30 PM	6	7
8	9 Woman's Mentoring Discipleship Group @7pm	10	11  Every Wednesday 7PM	12	13 Awana's Camp Out 5:30PM - 10AM 	14 YA Service at 7PM
15	16 Awards Ceremony 	17 Ice Cream Social 	18 	19 	20 Teacher Work Day Day Care Only No School (K- 6 Only) End of the Qtr.	21
22	23 <i>Spring Break</i>	24 <i>Spring Break</i>	25 <i>Spring Break</i>	26 <i>Spring Break</i>	27 <i>Spring Break</i>	28 YA Service at 7PM
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DIRECTOR'S CHAIR

DR. ESTELLE C. MYERS

SCAN ME!



We so appreciate the efforts of our PTF and all of our parents participating in these school fundraisers. In addition, we sponsor an annual Gala that has typically been in the fall of each year. However, many people requested we try doing it in the Spring, as Christmas and other holidays seem to overshadow this event. So, this year our Gala will be held on April 17th at the Hilton Miami Dadeland, from 6-10:30 PM. The theme of our Gala is "Rise and Build", as we are hoping to break ground on our new facility by year's end. Our goal for this year's Gala is \$500,000, and for us to be able to reach this goal each year, we will need your help in the following ways: 1) Pray for this event, 2) Purchase a ticket, 3) Donate an auction item to be sold at the Silent Auction, 4) Invite others to participate in the Brave 300 Building Campaign by donating whatever amount they are able, 5) Invite local businesses to help sponsor our Gala or Building Campaign.

We are all very excited about three major events on the horizon. The first of course is our Ice Cream Social/Spring Open House on Tuesday, March 17th. This is a year of celebration for many reasons. The first is that we have just completed our 18th year of providing quality Christian Education here in the West Kendall area. We began Lifted Academy, formerly Miami Baptist School, in 2008, as a preschool with the goal of eventually adding elementary and middle school. This next year we will be continuing to add middle school students up through 7th grade, and we have been privileged to see our school grow from 12 students to 140 students, which is our capacity. We invite you to come and celebrate with us and bring the whole family to have some fun, fellowship, and visit the classrooms with your children. Sign-up sheets for various desserts will go out for each class. We do hope that you will make every effort to attend, as the students will also be performing some of their favorite songs for you as well.

The second event that I want to bring to your attention is that of our annual Gala and other fundraising activities. We are currently in a building campaign, The Brave 300, to raise over \$3 Mil to create a bigger facility for our church and school that will add an additional 250 students and create an auditorium that will seat over 800. Our PTF has been doing a fabulous job of doing monthly fundraisers through each class and last year raised just over \$10,000. This year, they have received \$8.6K, year to date, and I know they aren't finished yet.

I have been working with our church staff and the PTF to put together some type of a fundraising app to help parents personally do what I am requesting above in a very simple fashion. The app is called OneCause: Lifted Lions Fund, and you can download it by copying the QR code above. Once you are inside the app, underneath "Donate Now", you will see another line that says, "Become a Fundraiser", this line is for you! Please click on that line and set up your own personal fundraising goal for the school and personalize it with a picture of your family and/or your child in uniform, to let your family and friends know that you are in the process of obtaining funds to help your child's school grow. We are asking each school family to set a goal of at least \$1000 to enter you into our contest that will allow the family that raises the most funds to win a 3-day cruise for a family of 4, free of charge.



But this is more than just a fundraiser; this is an invitation to you, your family, and your colleagues to invest in Kingdom purposes and establish a legacy that will affect generations for years to come. The following verse in Psalm 98:4-7 outlines our purpose in having a Christian School and why we are asking others to invest their monies in this way: "We will not hide them from our children; we will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord, his power, and the wonders he has done. He decreed statutes for Jacob and established the law in Israel, which he commanded our ancestors to teach their children, so the next generation would know them, even the children yet to be born, and they in turn would tell their children. Then they would put their trust in God and would not forget his deeds but would keep his commands."

Our investment in our school and this building program is more than just adding more space; it is building a legacy for your children and for generations to come. Could there be any greater investment of your time, treasures, and talents? Which brings me to our 3rd event - Easter 2026.

This year, Easter falls on April 5th, and we want to invite you and your family now to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord with us. Our theme is "For His Glory"; this is so reflective of everything we do here at Lifted Church and Academy. This particular holiday is the single greatest event on the Christian calendar. Why? Because without the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus, we would all be lost. Scripture and history tell us why Jesus came in Luke 19:10, "For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost." This, in essence, is the mission statement for Jesus Christ. The apostle John puts it this way:

"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten so, that whosoever believes in him would not perish, but have eternal life." John 3:16

The Bible tells us in Romans 3:23, that the "wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." We literally thank God every day for His saving grace to come to this earth to reconcile men back to His Father. In fact, it was John the Baptist who made the statement, "Behold the lamb of God who comes to take away the sin of the world." (John 1;29). Jesus comes to earth, fully God and fully man, at the same time, and willingly lays His life down on a cross to pay the price for our sins - death. Only perfect blood could be shed for an imperfect world, and Jesus was the only one who could do just that. But without the resurrection, Jesus would have just been another prophet who was martyred. However, just as Jesus told His disciples ahead of time, he rose again on the 3rd day and lives forever with his Father in heaven. The Apostle Paul put it this way in his letter to the church at Corinth: (1 Cor. 15:3-6) "For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, and then to the twelve. After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers and sisters at the same time."

This statement is part of the Apostle's Creed that is passed down to us until this day, over 2000 years later. The resurrection had numerous eyewitness accounts, and that is why Christianity spread so quickly in the first century and that is why it is still around today. Jesus is real. We want to celebrate with you all of the wondrous deeds God has done for us in our lives and the life of this church and school this Easter. Won't you join us?

In conclusion, you can see that a lot is happening here at Lifted Academy over the next two months, and we don't want you to miss any of it! Thank you as always for supporting our school, and we are praying God's richest blessings on you and your families!

In His Service and Yours,

Dr. Estelle C. Myers

School Administrator



ANACELIS VARGAS
STUDENT OF THE MONTH



BORJA BARROSO
STAR STUDENT

MIGHTY 2'S

MRS. MYRIAM ROJAS



Spring Has Arrived

With the arrival of spring, we will begin our beautiful planting project. This activity will be a great success thanks to your support and collaboration. We kindly ask that you send a small plant and a small watering can for your child.

We also encourage you to talk at home about how to care for plants. The children truly enjoy planting, watering, and taking care of their little plants.

100 Days of School

We celebrated our 100 days of learning with great joy. We painted T-shirts, decorated the classroom, talked about everything we have learned, and enjoyed a "100 snacks" breakfast. The children also painted, played outside, and danced in class. It was a celebration full of excitement and big smiles.

Visit to the Children's Museum

We visited the Children's Museum, a place full of hands-on experiences and meaningful learning. During this wonderful field trip, our little ones had the opportunity to become firefighters, doctors, and police officers for a while. They also went grocery shopping, and more. It was a day full of activities, discoveries, and meaningful learning through play.

Bathroom Training Progress

We continue practicing transitions and bathroom routines, and we are making great progress. Please continue reinforcing at home that children verbalize when they need to use the bathroom. Teaching them to clearly express when they need to go potty is essential to successfully achieving this goal. Thank you for your constant support during this very important stage of their growth.

Completed Unit: "My Community Helpers"

The children explored different professions and enjoyed pretending to be doctors, scientists, police officers, painters, singers, mail carriers, chefs, firefighters, builders, and ballet dancers. Learning to dress themselves and share their costumes was a very meaningful accomplishment. We are very proud of them.

New Unit: "Discovering Animals and Plants"

We are beginning this wonderful unit where we will learn to care for our small garden and explore animals. The children will learn about pets and neighborhood animals such as dogs, cats, lizards, ducks, chickens, squirrels, rabbits, and birds. They will also explore farm animals and zoo animals.



As part of this project, each child will bring a toy of their favorite animal. Your support and collaboration will be key to making this experience better.

Bible Theme of the Month: "God Gives Me New Life"

Memory Verse: Ephesians 4:32 "Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you." Character Traits We Are Strengthening include Forgiveness, Mercy, Kindness, and Perseverance.

Bible Stories of the Month

- Week 1: The Baptism of Jesus and the Calling of His Disciples (Matthew 3 and 4; Mark 1; Luke 3)
- Week 2: The Lost Sheep and the Prodigal Son (Luke 15)
- Week 3: Jesus Is King (John 12; Matthew 21; Luke 23)
- Week 4: Death, Burial, and Resurrection (Matthew 27:1-65; Matthew 28:1-20)

Recognitions

With much love, we congratulate our outstanding students. Our Student of the Month is Anacelis Vargas. She has demonstrated prudence, kindness, and a loving attitude. She is very organized in her work and enjoys serving others.

Our Star Student of the month is Borja Barroso. With his sweetness, joyful spirit, and kind attitude, he has integrated perfectly into the class. We are very proud of both of them.

Special Thanks

Dear parents, thank you for your constant support and collaboration in every activity. Your generosity is essential in helping the children learn and practice forgiveness, mercy, kindness, and perseverance with their classmates. It is an honor to work alongside such a committed group of families.

With love,
Mrs. Myriam Rojas & Miss Laura Barreto



BLAINE MURRAY
STUDENT OF THE MONTH



ELENA ALSAYEGH
STAR STUDENT

BLESSED 3'S

MS. KATHLYN DIAZ & MS. SHIRLEY SERNA

Hello Parents!

February was indeed a month full of blessings and excitement. Let's take a look back at February! Our theme for the month was "God Loves Me." The character traits we went over in January were love, caring, and responsibility. Our Bible verse was "Love one another," 1 John 3:23. The Bible stories we went over were:

- Week 1: King David's Life as a Boy (1 Samuel 16:14-23; 17:1; 18:1-4; 18:10; 19-20; 23:16-18; 2 Samuel 1)
- Week 2: God Loved and Cared for Three Men: Samson, Jonah, Daniel & Friends (Judges 16:1-31; Jonah 1:1-17; Daniel 1:6-21; 6)
- Week 3: The Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37)
- Week 4: Zacchaeus (Luke 19:1-9)

In addition to our Bible lessons, we went over Unit 12: I Can Be Healthy and Unit 13: I Can Express My Feelings. We focused on learning the number six, as well as the letters Pp, Qq, and Rr. The children also recognized the heart shape and the colors pink and purple.

February was a month full of love! Thank you to all the parents who showed up to Open House/Ice Cream Social. It was so nice to chat with you about how your child is doing and the plans for next school year. It was also nice to meet some of the parents from Mrs. Myriam's class. We look forward to you all joining Pre-K3 next school year.

We also celebrated the 100th day of school. The kids had a blast participating in our 100th Day of School celebration. We also celebrated Valentine's Day here at school. The children did a Valentine's goodie bag exchange and acknowledged that Jesus dying on the cross was the greatest show of love. They had so much fun, and we want to thank the parents who helped create goodie bags and brought food for our Valentine's Day party.

We also had our field trip to the Miami Children's Museum. The children had a wonderful time, and we would like to thank all the parents who chaperoned this field trip. We could not have done it without you.

None of this would be possible without your consistent involvement. We are truly blessed to have such wonderful families as part of our class.

Let's take a moment to celebrate two wonderful students in our class. Congratulations to Blaine Murray, our Student of the Month! Blaine actively participates in our day-to-day activities and responds well. He always comes to school with a smile on his face! We also want to congratulate our Star Student, Elena Alsayegh! Elena loves to show love to her friends through sharing and hugs. She is quick to help a friend in need. We are proud of you both!

As we enter the month of March, our Bible theme for the month will be God Gives Me New Life. Our verse for the month is, "Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God in Christ forgave you." Ephesians 4:32. The character traits we will be going over are forgiveness/mercy, kindness, and perseverance.

The Bible stories we will go over are:

- Week 1: Jesus Is Baptized/Jesus Calls His Disciples to Be Fishers of Men (Matthew 3:13-17; Mark 1:9-11; Luke 3:21-22); Calling of the Disciples (Mark 1:16-20; Matthew 4:18-23)
- Week 2: Story of the Lost Sheep/The Prodigal Son (Luke 15:4-32)
- Week 3: Jesus Is King (John 12:12-19; Matthew 21:1-11)
- Week 4: Death, Burial, and Resurrection (Matthew 27:1-65; Matthew 28:1-20)

In addition to these Bible stories, we will go through Unit 17: Pets Need Care; Unit 18: The Farmer Helps Me; and Unit 19: Animals Live in Homes, Too. The letters we will be focusing on are Ss, Tt, and Uu. We will also be learning about the numbers seven and eight. The children will also be learning about the colors black and gray and the oval shape.

As always, 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 is a blessing to be part of such a wonderful community of families. Don't forget to look at ClassDojo daily to see what your child is doing throughout the day, as well as any announcements that are posted. May God continue to bless you and your loved ones throughout the month of March.

Blessings,
Ms. Kat & Mrs. Shirley



ALBA BARROSO
STUDENT OF THE MONTH



JACOB DELGADO
STAR STUDENT

VPK

MRS. CATALINA DEL REAL

Looking Back

What a fantastic February we had in our VPK class! The month was filled with exciting events that brought so many smiles to our students' faces. We enjoyed a variety of fun-filled activities, including our Open House "Hot Cocoa Social,"

Valentine's Day celebration, Book Fair, 100 Days of School celebration, and our Museum of Science field trip. The children especially had a blast during our museum visit during the last week of February! We are incredibly grateful to our wonderful parents for helping make each event a success. Thank you for your participation, donations, and enthusiasm. Your support plays a vital role in creating a joyful and engaging learning environment for our children. Here's to an equally exciting March!

Our Student of the Month for March is Alba Barroso. Alba has demonstrated exceptional growth in her knowledge, consistently showing remarkable progress in her understanding of classroom concepts. She is always quick to answer questions, eager to share her insights, and confident in her learning. What impresses me most is her genuine enthusiasm—she listens attentively, absorbs information with ease, and radiates a love for learning that inspires her peers. Alba is truly a role model in our class. May God bless her always!

Congratulations to Jacob Delgado, our Star Student of the Month for March! Jacob is a very sweet and polite boy who consistently shows kindness and respect to his classmates and teachers. He loves being part of our classroom community and enjoys helping his peers and organizing things even without being asked. Jacob participates enthusiastically, especially when we dramatize Bible stories, when he is most engaged and expressive. I'm proud of Jacob's joyful spirit, his caring heart, and the effort he brings to our class each day. May God bless him and continue to guide him always. May God bless them both and guide them in His paths.

Looking Ahead

This month, we will start with the theme "Let's Move".

In Expression of the Arts, the children will continue exploring artistic expression through dramatic play, roleplaying, dance, and hands-on crafting with colors and various materials.

In Reading, Students will work on new phonemes, review previously learned sight words, and continue adding new ones. They will enjoy engaging stories, and I will guide them in retelling important facts and identifying story elements. We will also focus on distinguishing between real and make-believe.

In Writing, we will concentrate on the following letter names and formations: Jj, Hh, and Ii.

In Math, the children will learn to understand and describe positions, use time-related vocabulary, categorize time intervals, and compare size, amount, and weight. They will also practice following step-by-step plans to solve problems.

In Science, Students will identify the sun, moon, and stars, and explore how objects, animals, and people move and make sounds.

In Bible Time, we will be learning the stories of: "Jesus goes to church/Jesus demonstrates obedience", "Jesus is baptized/Jesus calls His Disciples to be Fishers of Men", "Story of the Lost Sheep/The Prodigal Son", and "Jesus is King". Our Bible verse for the month is Ephesians 4:32: "Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God in Christ forgave you."

Our Character Development traits will focus on Praise, Forgiveness, and Honor.

God bless you,
Mrs. Catalina del Real



KINDERGARTEN

MRS. MARIA JOSE GROSSY &
MS. TIFFANY LUCK

Blessed

Dear Kindergarten Families,

Happy February! We continue to work hard each day, and I am so proud of the wonderful progress your children are making.

Reading Update

This month, we are strengthening our reading skills. Students have begun learning about beginning and ending sounds, as well as blending sounds together. They are practicing listening carefully to the sounds in words and blending them to read simple words. This is an exciting step in their reading development!

Math Update

In math, we reviewed numbers from 1-100 and completed an assessment. I am very happy to share that the students did an excellent job on their test! They have been working hard on number recognition, counting, and understanding number order.

We also celebrated our 100 Days of School!

The children enjoyed many fun activities centered around counting to 100. We counted, created, shared, and celebrated being 100 days smarter! It was a joyful day filled with beautiful moments and lots of smiles as they shared this special milestone with their friends.

Bible & Valentine's Celebration

In Bible class, we have started learning about the life of Jesus, exploring His parables, and learning about His disciples. The students are very engaged and excited about these meaningful stories.

During our Valentine's celebration, we reflected on this special verse:

**"And this is his commandment, that we should believe on the name of his Son Jesus Christ, and love one another, as he gave us commandment."
1 John 3:23**

We were reminded that the most important thing is to love one another the same way He has loved us. The children enjoyed sharing cards and small gifts as expressions of kindness and friendship.

This month, we would like to recognize two very special students. Our Star Student, Joshua Cervera, continues to shine as a kind, respectful, and caring member of our class. He is a wonderful friend to everyone and always treats his classmates with kindness and understanding. We are so proud of the positive example he sets each day.



JOSEPH CORZO
STUDENT OF THE MONTH



JOSHUA CERVERA,
STAR STUDENT

We would also like to celebrate our Student of the Month, Joseph Corzo. Joseph has shown great academic progress and is working very hard in all areas of learning. His dedication and growth have truly stood out, and we are very proud of the effort he puts into improving every day. Keep up the amazing work!

I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all of our wonderful parents for your support during these activities and for your continued collaboration in everything we do. Your involvement strengthens our classroom and helps create meaningful experiences for the children. We truly appreciate you!

Thank you again for being such an important part of our kindergarten family.

Warmly,
Mrs. Maria Jose Grossy & Ms. Tiffany Luck



1ST GRADE



MRS. LAUREN NIETO & MRS. KELLEY PRIETO

AUSTEN CASTRO
STUDENT OF THE MONTH

EMILIA VILLAESCUSA
STAR STUDENT



Spring is almost here, which means Spring Break is right around the corner! We are so excited to step into a new month filled with growth, learning, and many exciting things happening in First Grade. March is always such a special time as we see tremendous progress in our students and begin preparing for the wonderful events ahead.

In Bible, we will begin learning about Elijah and the powerful lessons from his life. Students will see how faith, obedience, and trusting God can make a lasting impact.

We are also looking forward to our School Gala on April 17th. I would truly love for our First Grade families to share this special evening together. This beautiful event supports our school and church, and it is always a meaningful night of fellowship and celebration.

I would like to congratulate our Star Student of the Month, Emilia Villaescusa, and our Student of the Month, Austen Castro. Emilia consistently shows obedience to her teachers and kindness to her friends. She is a shining example of friendliness and responsibility in First Grade. Austen has demonstrated excellent academic progress and continues to excel in his classwork and assessments. His dedication and commitment to doing his very best are truly commendable. We are so proud of both of them.

In Science, students will begin learning about animals—their environments, needs, classifications, and body parts. This is such a wonderful chapter as we explore the amazing creatures God created and discover how each one is uniquely designed.

As we step into this new month, my prayer is that our students continue to grow not only academically, but spiritually and emotionally as well. I pray they feel confident, encouraged, and deeply loved each day. May God continue to guide and bless their minds as they learn and grow.

In Heritage Studies, we will begin a new chapter about our land. Students will learn about maps, globes, weather, continents, and oceans. They will begin to understand how God designed our world and how we can explore it through geography.

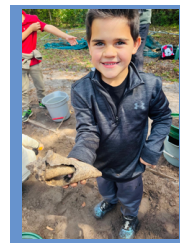
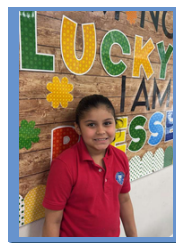
Looking forward to a wonderful March together!

In Math, we have started a new chapter on addition facts to 12. After that, we will begin learning about time and calendars, which is always an especially exciting unit.

Kind regards,
Mrs. Lauren & Mrs. Kelley

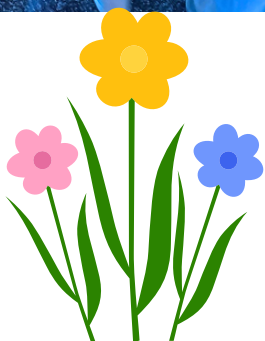
In Reading, we will continue working diligently in our small groups, strengthening reading comprehension, fluency, and confidence. I am so proud of the growth I am seeing in each of them.





2ND GRADE

MS. DANAI PADRON



Dear Parents,

As we reflect on the month of February, it has been a truly enriching and joyful time in our classroom. In addition to celebrating Valentine's Day with meaningful activities and a festive class party, our students were blessed with two memorable educational field trips.

We had the wonderful opportunity to attend a symphony concert at the New World Center, where students experienced the beauty and discipline of live orchestral music. They demonstrated excellent behavior and genuine curiosity as they learned about different instruments and the important role each musician plays within the ensemble. We also visited the Phillip and Patricia Frost Museum of Science, where students explored interactive exhibits that sparked their interest in science, technology, and the natural world. These hands-on experiences greatly complemented our classroom learning and provided meaningful opportunities for growth beyond the traditional setting.

Looking ahead to March, our spiritual focus will center on Ephesians 4:32, which encourages us to "be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God in Christ forgave you." As we reflect on this verse, students will learn practical ways to show kindness, forgiveness, and compassion in their daily interactions. In the coming weeks, we will also study the childhood of Jesus, helping students understand that they can follow His example in every area of their lives. Through these lessons, they will be reminded that Jesus is our perfect model of obedience, humility, and love.

MAYA BRINAS
STUDENT OF THE MONTH

CARTER SHAY PRIETO
STAR STUDENT

Academically, our students continue to work diligently and demonstrate growth across all subject areas. In English, we will focus on the capitalization of common and proper nouns, strengthening their understanding of grammar conventions. In Math, students will work on identifying the value of digits within numbers and writing numbers in expanded form, building a stronger foundation in place value concepts. In Bible, our lessons will highlight Daniel's faithfulness to God and his unwavering commitment to doing what is right, even in challenging circumstances. Additionally, students are continuing to make steady progress in their I-Ready lessons, completing two lessons per subject as part of their ongoing academic development.

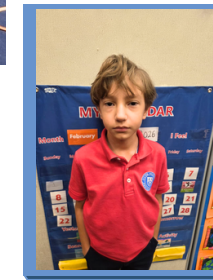
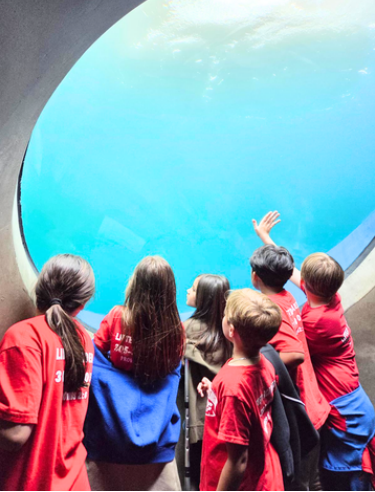
It is my pleasure to recognize two students for their outstanding efforts this month. Maya Brinas has been named our Student of the Month. She consistently completes her classwork and homework on time and exemplifies thankfulness and attentiveness in the classroom. We also congratulate Carter Shay Prieto, our Star Student, who faithfully demonstrates responsibility, obedience, and a positive attitude each day. We are very proud of both students and the example they set for their classmates.

I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to each of you for your continued support and partnership in your child's education. Your involvement, encouragement, and prayers make a lasting difference in our classroom community. It is truly a privilege to work alongside you in nurturing both the academic and spiritual growth of your children.

May God bless you and your families as we look forward with anticipation to the month of March.

Best regards,
Miss Danai





EZEKIEL ROBIOU
STUDENT OF THE MONTH



BRYSON VILLARCHAO
STAR STUDENT

3RD GRADE

MRS. SEMIRA KHALIL



Dear Parents,

We have had an exciting and busy few weeks in 3rd grade! Here's a look at what we've been learning and celebrating:

Special Events & Activities

100th Day of School Celebration: We enjoyed Color War, Field Day activities, and wearing our creative 100-day shirts. **Valentine's Day Party:** Students exchanged valentines, enjoyed pizza and treats, and participated in a "Best Dressed" activity. In Heritage Studies, students practiced voting by using mock ballots to choose classmates, connecting to our lessons on citizenship.

Field Trip - Symphony Concert:

Students experienced live orchestral music, learned about instruments, and practiced respectful audience behavior.

Academic Highlights

Math: We began division concepts including dividend, divisor, and quotient. Students are learning division as repeated subtraction and working with equal groups and arrays.

Language Arts: We are studying irregular verbs and practicing correct usage in sentences.

Spelling: Students are learning weekly word patterns and preparing for weekly spelling tests.

Science: We are studying weather concepts, observing and recording weather patterns, and comparing temperatures and conditions.

Heritage Studies: Students are learning about citizenship and the voting process through hands-on activities. **Bible:** We are focusing on godly character, biblical leadership, and applying Scripture to daily life.

Student of the Month - Ezekiel Robiou: Ezekiel has demonstrated outstanding character, responsibility, and consistent effort in his academic work. He shows leadership in the classroom and sets a positive example for his peers through respectful behavior and diligence.

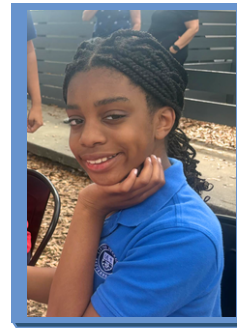
Star Student - Bryson Villarchao: Bryson has shown excellent improvement, a positive attitude toward learning, and strong participation in class activities. He consistently tries his best and encourages others, making him a shining example of hard work and determination.

Looking Ahead to March

Dr. Seuss Celebration: We will celebrate with fun reading activities and themed days. More information to come. **Spring Pictures:** Spring picture day is coming soon. Additional details will be sent home.

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

Blessings,
Mrs. Khalil



GIANNA CEDO
STUDENT OF THE MONTH

JORDAN LINDO
STAR STUDENT



4TH GRADE



MRS. BARBARA ARROYO

Dear Parents,

I hope this message finds you well as we approach the end of the school year! Can you believe we are almost at testing time? This month has been filled with both academic growth and exciting activities, and I would love to take a moment to share some highlights from our classroom.

Academic Progress

As we move closer to assessment time, we have been working diligently through our curriculum to ensure students are well prepared. Over the next month and a half, I will be sending home review worksheets periodically. Please support your child by reviewing these materials together at home. In addition, completing weekly i-Ready assignments will help reinforce the skills being taught in class.

Fun & Engaging Activities

Alongside our academic focus, we have enjoyed several memorable experiences this month:

- Our first-ever symphony field trip was a beautiful experience and was enjoyed by all.
- The Valentine's Day class party was a big hit, and the students truly felt the love from their classmates.
- The Chuck E. Cheese fundraiser was a wonderful opportunity for families to support our school while having fun together. Thank you to all the parents who participated and helped make it such a special evening!
- We had an exciting 100th Day of School celebration and enjoyed the fun (and messy!) activities together.
- We wrapped up the month with a field trip to the Frost Museum, where students learned a great deal while having a fantastic time.

Looking Ahead: March Learning Goals

Although March may feel shorter due to Spring Break at the end of the month, we still have many exciting lessons and activities planned. Here is what students will be focusing on:

Phonics & English

- Learning about adjectives and adverbs and how to use them correctly.

Reading

- Exploring free verse poetry and creating their own poems.
- Continuing our novel study of *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*.

Math

- Learning about data and graphs, including different types of graphs and how to interpret them.

Bible

- Discussing thankfulness and what it means to be thankful, especially in our relationship with Christ.

Science

- Studying the human digestive system with a focus on nutrition and healthy eating habits.

Heritage Studies

- Learning about the late 1800s and the Gilded Age.

Please refer to the newsletter calendar for upcoming events and important dates.

Student Recognitions

We are excited to recognize two outstanding students this month:

- Student of the Month: Gianna Cedo – Gianna has been putting forth maximum effort and working extra hard this month. Way to go, Gianna!
- Star Student of the Month: Jordan Lindo – Jordan is a kind and helpful friend who is always ready to support others. Great job, Jordan!

Thank you for your continued support and involvement. Let's work together to make the remainder of the school year a success! If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out.

God bless you,
Mrs. Barbie



5TH GRADE

MR. DANIEL ALVAREZ

Hello Parents and Guardians,

February has been an incredible month filled with growth, learning, and love! We've shared so many meaningful moments both inside and outside the classroom—from our fun Valentine's Day celebration and exciting 100th Day of School festivities to our enriching field trips to the New World Center Symphony and the Frost Museum. It has been wonderful to see our students continue to grow academically and stay on the right track toward success.

This month, we are especially proud to recognize two outstanding students who have demonstrated exceptional character, growth, and effort.

Our Student of the Month, Aaliyah Vega, has shown remarkable growth and determination in her work. We are so proud of her perseverance and positive attitude. We are also excited to celebrate Estefania Vallecillo as our Star Student of the Month. She consistently exemplifies kindness, responsibility, and a caring spirit that makes our classroom community stronger each day.

What to Expect in March

We are looking forward to another exciting month ahead! March will bring Open House, additional field trips, holidays, and Spring Break. Please continue to check ClassDojo and refer to our class calendar regularly for important updates and announcements.

Language Arts

In Language Arts, students will begin learning how to write a persuasive letter, focusing on clearly stating their opinion and supporting it with strong reasons and examples. In the next chapter, we will shift our focus to grammar skills, including sentence structure, conjunctions, sentence fragments, commas, and other important conventions that strengthen writing.

Spelling

Our spelling skills have continued to improve significantly! Students will continue participating in weekly spelling lessons and assessments, along with assigned homework to reinforce learning and build strong vocabulary skills.



AALIYAH VEGA
STUDENT OF THE MONTH



ESTEFANIA VALLECILLO
STAR STUDENT

Reading

We will begin a new unit centered on stories that highlight various celebrations. Throughout this unit, students will learn how to identify imagery, analyze text structure, determine the rhyme scheme of poems, identify key elements of a riddle, and recognize symbolism. We will also continue reading Brady with Mrs. Rosalie, which students have been thoroughly enjoying.

Social Studies

We have completed our study of U.S. Presidents from the 1980s and 1990s and will now move forward to learn about George W. Bush and the major events that shaped America and the world during this era. Students will continue engaging in projects and interactive activities to deepen their understanding.

Bible

We are continuing our study through the Book of Judges, learning about the leaders God raised up during that time. Students have shown great interest as we explore Israel's cycle of sin, disobedience, repentance, and deliverance. In the coming weeks, we will focus on Deborah, Gideon and Samson.

Science

Following our trip to the museum, we are moving more deeply into our Ecology unit. We are learning about ecosystems and the delicate balance of cycles—such as the water, carbon, and nitrogen cycles—that maintain life within God & world.

Math

In addition to our work with fractions, we are now focusing on the measurements of time. Students are learning how to calculate elapsed time and convert between different units, such as seconds, minutes, hours, and days. We are also spending time reviewing how to read a clock, ensuring everyone is confident in telling time accurately using analog faces.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership. We are so grateful to work together to help your children thrive!

Warm regards,
Mr. Daniel Alvarez & Ms. Erika Elespe





6TH GRADE

MS. ERIKA ELESPE

Dear Parents,

March has arrived, and it is a joy to see our students continuing to flourish as we move deeper into the second semester. We are witnessing wonderful growth in their maturity and character as they engage more thoughtfully with their peers and their studies.

This past month was filled with enriching experiences and meaningful memories. Our students enjoyed a beautiful performance at the Miami Symphony Orchestra, celebrated friendship during our Valentine's Day event, and explored the wonders of the natural world at the Phillip and Patricia Frost Museum of Science. These outings provided valuable opportunities for students to see their classroom learning come to life within our community.

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Math

We have entered a new phase of our numerical studies: dividing with decimals. Students are practicing the precision required to handle decimal points accurately and learning how to apply these operations to real-world scenarios. Their confidence continues to grow as they strengthen both their skills and problem-solving strategies.

Language Arts

In writing and grammar, students are developing a classification essay. This assignment challenges them to organize information logically and categorize topics effectively, building clarity and structure in their writing. In Literature, we continue reading a variety of texts, focusing on interpreting and communicating information clearly and accurately. Students are sharpening their analytical skills and deepening their understanding of how authors convey meaning.

Cool!



Science

Our exploration of the animal kingdom continues. Building on our visit to the Frost Museum, we are diving deeper into species classification and studying the unique characteristics that define different animal groups. Students are learning to observe, compare, and think critically about the diversity of life in God's creation.

History

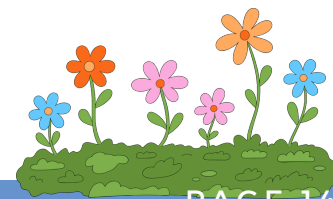
We have completed our studies of Ancient India and the Ancient Chinese Dynasties and are now beginning a fascinating new chapter on Persia. Students will explore the development of Persia's distinct culture and its major religion, Zoroastrianism. We will also examine Persia's conflicts with Greece, its defeat by Alexander the Great, and its later revival under the Parthians and Sassanids. Most importantly, we will reflect on how God used the Persian Empire to accomplish His purposes for Israel.

Bible

Students have completed their study of the Book of Acts and Paul's missionary journeys and are now diving into the Book of Romans. As we begin this new study, students will explore the powerful themes of faith, grace, salvation, and righteous living found in Paul's letter.

Thank you for your continued partnership and support. It is a blessing to work together in guiding your children academically and spiritually.

God bless you,
Erika M. Elespe
Daniel Alvarez



SCHOOL PICTURES



CHURCH EVENTS



TLT Sports

Soccer - **Mondays** at 2:45 and 3:25
Pickleball - **Tues & Thurs.** at 2:45
Basketball - **Wednesdays** at 2:45 and 3:25
Volleyball - **Fridays** at 2:45 and 3:25



Ballet Sacred Dance

Class schedule on Thursdays
Ages 5-7 3-4 pm
ages 8-12 4:15 PM- 5:15 PM



DISCIPLESHIP/MENTORING FOR MEN AND WOMEN

MONDAY, MARCH 9TH AND 23RD, AT 7:00 PM

Our men's and women's discipleship groups meet every other Monday. For more information, see Danny DaCosta or Estelle Myers. Childcare available!



LIFTED ACADEMY

LIFTED ACADEMY ENROLLMENT OPEN! Ages 2 yrs-7th Grade

Re-enrollment is already available for current students, and new enrollment begins in February. VPK & Step Up Scholarships available. Schedule your tour with Dr. Estelle Myers today.

LIFTED CHURCH GALA 2026 - Save the Date!



Friday, April 17 at 6:00 PM

Hilton Miami Dadeland Join us for a special evening featuring an elegant dinner, a silent auction, and an inspiring message from Pastor Rob McCoy (TPUSA Faith). Tickets will be available for purchase in the lobby.

THE BRAVE 300 BUILDING CAMPAIGN

Join the Brave 300 building campaign and build a legacy in our community as we prepare to break ground by the end of this year. Visit thebrave300.com.

