

LIFTED ACADEMY

NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 2023

Celebrating
— 15 YEARS —



of Christian Education
at Lifted Academy,
formerly Miami Baptist School



SPRING FLING / OPEN HOUSE
February 9th @ 6:30-8:30 PM
Our Open House and Ice Cream Social has been rescheduled to Feb. 9th!



VALENTINE'S CLASS PARTIES
February 14th @ 10 AM
All classes will celebrate Valentine's with a party and goodies with their friends.



ZOO MIAMI FIELD TRIP
February 17th @ 9:00 AM
Be sure to fill out the field trip form and turn in at the front desk.



PARENT SEMINAR
February 22nd @ 7 PM
"The ABC's of Parenting"
with Dr. Estelle Myers.

VERSE OF THE MONTH:








"Love one another."

1 John 3:23



February



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1  Priority Re-Registration Begins	2  PTF Parent Teacher Fellowship Zoom Meeting 6:30 PM	3	4
5	6  Women's Mentoring 7 PM	7	8  Every Wednesday 7PM	9  Spring Fling Open House 7 PM	10	11
12 KidMin "Valentine's" Parties! 9:30/11AM/1PM	13	14  Valentine's Class Parties! 10 AM	15	16	17  ZOO MIAMI Field Trip 9 AM	18 LCN CONNECT Men's Breakfast & Women's Café 9:30 AM
19	20  Presidents' Day Holiday	21	22  Parent Seminar "The ABC's of Parenting" 7 PM	23	24	25
26	27	28				

WEEKLY CHURCH MINISTRIES:

SUNDAYS

- Worship Services: 9:30 AM, 11:00 AM, 1:00 PM (ESP)
- DNA Membership Class: 9:30 AM
- Kids Sunday school (during all services)

MONDAYS

- Women's Mentoring/Discipleship Group at 7 PM.
Every 1st Monday of the month with Estelle Myers.

WEDNESDAYS

- Equip & Empower Discipleship Training with P. Mike (7 PM)
- Awana Clubs (for kids ages 3-5th Grade) 7 PM

FRIDAYS

- Lifted Youth Ministries: 6th Grade - 12th Grade (7 PM)
Worship, Games, Bible teaching, Free Pizza

SATURDAYS

- Lifted Church Network (LCN) - Men's & Women's Breakfast
every 3rd Saturday of month at 9:30 AM.



DIRECTOR'S CHAIR

DR. ESTELLE C. MYERS

Dear Parents,

February marks the celebration of 15 years of service in our community and the beginning of re-enrollment for the next school year, 2023-2024. It is truly hard to believe that we are at this point of the year already. We always begin our enrollment process by opening pre-registration with all of our existing students first. So, throughout February, we will be reserving a place for your child, before we open our enrollment to the public. This is especially important for those of you with children turning 4 before September 1st of this year, as we have limited space in our VPK classes, and want to make sure that your child's spot is secure, before we begin to accept new students. This is also true of our Kindergarten and three-year old classrooms as well, so please turn in your new re-registration forms that were sent home, in January, as soon as possible. Don't forget we have added 3rd and 4th grade this year as we seek to build and expand our school, so please pass this information on to your friends and neighbors who are looking for an excellent private Christian school. Anyone that you refer and enrolls, will earn you a cool month of free tuition, so it pays to promote Lifted Academy.

Many times, I am asked, "Why pay for Christian Education, when you can obtain free education in the public sector or with Charter schools?" There are several very good reasons, but the primary one is this: If children are our most precious possessions and are in fact our heritage from the Lord as the Bible points out in Psalm 127:3, then it stands to reason that we should do whatever is necessary to provide for their spiritual well fare as well as their intellectual, physical, emotional, and social well-being.



Yet many do not even think twice about placing their young children under the influence of an educational system that does not even recognize the existent of God, let alone teach Christian values and ethics. Martin Luther stated,

"I am afraid that schools will prove the very gates of hell, unless they diligently labor in explaining the Holy Scriptures and engraving them in the heart of the youth."

I have personally counseled with many parents of teens, who were bewildered as to why their children no longer wanted to attend church or youth group and are in fact rebelling against their personal family values. The answer is extremely logical: you cannot expect to place your child for 18 years, in a 40 hour per week godless school system, and then hope that they respect God in the end. Back in 2002, the SBC did a study with the Southern Baptist Council on Family Life, and discovered that 88% of the children raised in evangelical homes who attended public schools leave the church by the age of 18, and many never return. These figures are staggering, and are now worse, 20 years later- and these are "Christian" homes!



If you take on the name of Christ, as a Christian, and then place yourself or your children under teaching that does not honor, nor respect the Word of God in any way, shape, or fashion, is that not disrespectful to your heavenly Father? Hear the word of the Lord to Ely the priest, during Samuel's time: "I promised that your house and your father's house would minister before me forever." But now the Lord declares, "Far be it from me! Those who honor me I will honor, but those who despise me will be disdained." (1 Samuel 2: 30) The apostle Paul put it this way in Galatians 6:7-8, "Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. The one who sows to please his sinful nature, from that nature will reap destruction; the one who sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life." My dear parents, scriptures tell us that God is the same yesterday, today and forever. He never changes. The very first commandment is to "Love the Lord your God with all of your heart, soul, and strength." Even Jesus quoted this as the greatest commandment of all time, in Matthew 22:38. We do not honor God when we place our children under the teaching of a secular educational system that denies God and prefers the teachings of their own personal philosophies to our children and youth.

There is no such thing as a "neutral" teacher. Everyone has their own philosophies of life, and those philosophies will come out in their teaching practices. Be very careful with whom you leave your children, as they will definitely influence the character of your child in any given situation. The first seven years of life are called the "formative years," as the character of your child is literally formed during these early years. If we do not take this seriously and take advantage of these early years, we should not be surprised at the outcome of their character when they are older.

The majority of people place their children in Christian schools for safety, quality of education, and smaller class sizes. While all of those reasons are true and good reasons for removing your child from the public sector, I believe the ultimate reason should be to place them in a setting where the Word of God will be taught on a daily basis. Any private school can teach the basics of reading, writing, and arithmetic, but it is only the Christian school that can openly, and consistently teach God's truth daily which ultimately affects the morals and values of the character of our children. Einstein pointed out that "Knowledge for the sake of knowledge is useless". Jesus said, "What does it profit a man if he gains the whole world, but loses his soul?" My prayer is for the hearts and souls of our children, and not only the young people here at MBS, but for children all over the world. We cannot complain about the moral degradation of our society, and the overall collapse of Christian values and ethics in our politics and community, if we persist in propagating a system that outright disrespects Jesus Christ and the Word of God- the Bible.

I commend each and every one of you for intentionally raising your most cherished possessions by placing them in a Christian school. Believe me, you will not be disappointed! God keeps his promises.

**"Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will no depart from it."
Proverbs 22:6**

May God bless us all with an amazing school year in 2023 as we place our hope in Him, and Him alone!

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



APOLLO SIMMS
STUDENT OF THE MONTH



ESTHER MEDINA
STAR STUDENT

MIGHTY 2'S

MS. CLARA CABRERA &
MS. SHIRLEY SERNA

Hello parents,

We are very excited about how much we have accomplished this year already. This past month, we celebrated 100 days of school, and thanks to God and all the parents, it exceeded our expectations. To celebrate 100 days of school the children actively participated in the design and creation of their T-shirt. Finally, on the day of the event, the children got to enjoy wearing their t-shirts and participating in their different dynamics for the day.

In January we also had our parent conferences to talk about each child's progress report. Thank you all for coming in to discuss about your child's development and accomplishments.

We will start this month of February celebrating our first Open House of 2023. Taking advantage of the love and energy all around us, we celebrate Valentine's Day as well. We encourage you to invite friends and relatives to our Open House to learn more about us and our philosophy of education to explore our facility and enjoy a great evening together.

This month we would like to recognize two very beautiful children, Apollo Simms and Esther Medina. Apollo is our Student of the Month. He is very smart, quiet and very observant. He has made such big improvements in our class. Our Star Student is Esther Medina. She is loving with everyone and is adapting very quickly to the classroom. Congratulations to the both of them, I'm very proud and happy to have them in my class.

Here are some Important Dates this that you won't want to miss:

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God Bless You,
Ms. Clara & Ms. Shirley



BLESSED 3'S

MS. KATTIA DABOUB

Dear parents,

I'm so happy to see you all after winter break. I do hope that your energies are renewed, and you got to spend lots of time with your loved ones.

January brought lots of changes. We sent Mrs. Maria Jose, who is amazing, to the VPK-B program. We all learned so much from her, without a doubt she has a special place in our hearts. It's wonderful that we still get to see her every day on campus and most of you will be in her class next year.

This year, God put in our path Ms. Janae. I am happy to say that the class has warmed up to her so very quickly. We are looking forward to working together in the education of your children and emphasizing our Christian and moral values. We are all excited about learning and enjoying new adventures throughout the coming year.

We are working on Unit 13: "I can Express My Feelings." This unit is very important and interesting because we can help the children understand that people have a variety of feelings and those feelings can be expressed in many ways, and of course, everyone has special feelings for Valentine Day. This is a great opportunity for the students to communicate their feelings to their loved ones. Spiritual Emphasis this month is: Being Kind to One Another, God Loves You, Help One Another, Jesus LOVES You, and Being Thankful to God.

I am also very proud to announce two students that have shown amazing performances this month. Our Star Student is Dylan Linares. Dylan adapted really well to our classroom and classmates since his first day. He loves to pay attention in class and participate in all the activities; he has shown himself to be a very loving and caring boy. He is always willing to help and does it with a great smile and attitude. We are grateful to have Dylan in our class and love him very much.



JEANA DIAZ
STUDENT OF THE MONTH



DYLAN LINARES
STAR STUDENT

Our Student of the Month is Jeana Diaz. Jeana is a sweet and loving girl. You will always see a smile on her face, she loves working in class, participating in all the activities, playing with her friends and always being respectful. She listens and follows instructions well too. We are blessed to have Jeana as part of our class, she is very much loved by all her friends and teachers.

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May God Bless Your Families,
Ms. Kattia Daboub

VPK-A

MRS. CATALINA DEL REAL

LOOKING BACK...

January, the beginning of the year of 2023! It was wonderful and filled with some especial activities. The weather changed and the children noticed the difference, which they loved. After returning from winter break, the children had new experiences to share with their friends and teachers. We had great time at our "100 Days of School" celebration. The children enjoyed all the different stations, where they had to count until 100; especially the mix-snack station, yummy! It was marvelous! Also this month the children had their VPK assessments and their school progress reports. This helped to find out how well they are developing academically and in their character traits. I want to thank you all for coming to the teacher-parent conferences. As a team we can help your child to improve and advance in all the areas, especially in their character development.

Our Student of the Month is Baranny Montero. Baranny has been learning English and now he answers questions and participates during Reading and Circle Time. He stays on task most of the time. Well done, Baranny! May God bless you always! Our Star Student is Aranza Medrano. Aranza is friendly, polite and respectful to her friends. She loves and respects her teachers as well. May God bless you richly! Congratulations to both of you. May God always keep you on the right path! Since this is the month that everybody celebrates love in many ways, here is the most important one above all...**John 3:16 "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."**

LOOKING AHEAD...

During this month, the theme will be "In the City, In the Country". In Reading, the children will continue with phonemes, and will begin to match words with the same beginning sounds. They will also be learning new sight words and continue to read new stories in class. In Writing, the children will focus on the letters Cc, Qq, Vv, and on the sounds they make. We will teach them new words related to the theme in order to expand their vocabulary. In Expression of the Arts, the children will be working on a variety of skills related to their needs and the theme.

We will also be focusing on art using different colors, textures, and shapes. The children will create original work, form, and meaning. In Math, we will work on problem solving, money, weight, and capacity. In Social Studies, we will explore the ways that people live, work and play, and how these ways have changed over time. Also, we will study how people create food, clothing, and shelter from natural resources in order for all of us to consume them.



BARANNY MONTERO
STUDENT OF THE MONTH



ARANZA MEDRANO
STAR STUDENT

In Science, we will be observing and experimenting with the motion of objects and simple machines. We will also work on identifying what things are made out of. In Bible time, we will be learning the stories of: "King David's Life as a Boy", "God Love and Care for Three Men: Samson, Jonah, Daniel and His Friends", "The Good Samaritan", and "Zacchaeus". The Bible verse is 1 John 3:23, "Love one another", and the Character Development traits we will be focusing on are: "Love, Caring, and Responsibility."

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Happy Valentine's to all, may God bless you abundantly!

Blessings,
Mrs. Catalina del Real



VPK-B

MRS. MARIA JOSE GROSSY

Dear Parents,

It sure has been an interesting start to the New Year. I would like to thank you for receiving me as your new teacher in such a wonderful way. I am very excited about working with such a great group of students. I hope you all are enjoying the cool weather. It sure has been a nice change and teaching the children about cold weather has been a lot of fun too.

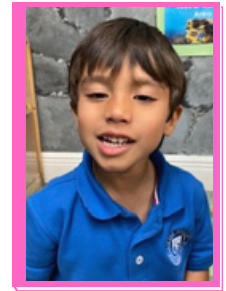
Don't forget to make your appointments to see me at our Parent-Teacher Conferences next week. It is an important time to talk with each of you and going over your child's progress. You all have such great kids, and they are all so LOVELY to work with. Speaking of LOVE...

February, as you know, is the month to celebrate love. We will be going over the meaning of love and I will also be teaching them about emotions, the five senses, our bodies, and good nutrition. We are also going over "The Country and the City," and recognizing the sounds of our letters. They will learn the verse: **"Love One Another." (1 John 3:23)** In Math we will continue to go over money, sorting, and measuring.

I have chosen Jeroc Jerez as our Star Student this month. He has join recently in our class and got very well with everyone in our class. He is lovely and respectful to everyone. Our Student of the Month is Alejandro Cedeno. He is doing his very best in continue learning and working in all the tasks assigned. Congratulations to the both of you!!



ALEJANDRO CEDENO
STUDENT OF THE MONTH



JEROC JEREZ
STAR STUDENT

Our school is now open for enrollment in the 2022-2023 school year. Please fill out the re-registration packet you have received. Don't forget that you only pay \$50 of the reregistration fee when you register early. Our annual Ice Cream Social/Open House will be on Thursday, Feb. 9th from 6:30-8:00 PM. It is a wonderful time to socialize with fellow parents and once again go around the class to see what your kids have done thus far into the school year. This is a great opportunity to check out the Kindergarten class for next year. If you have not done so already, you can apply for the Step-Up for Students scholarship. It is a wonderful scholarship that pays for private education from K-12th grade. If you need more information, don't hesitate to ask.

If you know someone who is interested in attending our school, this is a great time for them to see the school and enroll their child. You can also get credit on your account for each family that you refer and actually enrolls in the school.

God Bless You,

Mrs. Maria Jose Grossy



MASON CAUDALES
STUDENT OF THE MONTH



SCARLET WHITE
STAR STUDENT

KINDERGARTEN'S LITTLE STARS

MS. DALIANA & MS. ROSALIE

Dear Parents,

God is love! This is what our Bible teaches us. It is especially true this month of February, the month of LOVE. Not only do we think of our loved ones by sending and making Valentines, but also that because of God's love for us, He sent us his son, Jesus who died to save us. This is love beyond measure!

Our students will be learning more about this love during February. We will be finishing up the study of Old Testament heroes, such as David, Daniel, and Jonah. Then we will start studying the ministry of Jesus. In the Language Art area, we have studied how God takes care of one of his creations, "The Animals". We have learned that in his infinite wisdom, God has given animals the ability to procreate, protect, and defend themselves. We have studied the life cycles of various species of animals. We even have had in our class real live caterpillars which turned into butterflies on January 30!

The class is continuing to improve their reading skills. Thank you, parents, for reinforcing reading at home with flashcards and the reading log. In math, we are emphasizing the days of the week, understanding the calendar, and the addition and subtraction process.

Our Student of the Month for academic ability is Mason Caudales. He has learned to read well and tries very hard to succeed. Our Star Student is Scarlet White. She has shown a love for God by being kind and helpful to her classmates and their teachers. Congratulations to both of you. God bless you!

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Thank you for all your support during the 100 days of school celebration. Your kids really enjoyed you seeing them doing the school activities. We really appreciate your time when you came to the parents' conference. It was a pleasure to talk to each of you about the growth and expectations of your child in school.

God Bless you,
Mrs. Daliana & Ms. Rosalie



1ST GRADE

MRS. BARBARA ARROYO

Hello parents,

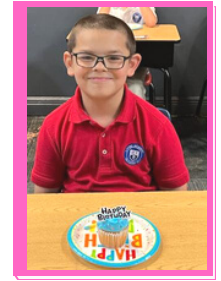
What an amazing month January has been. This month seemed to go by faster than usual. The children had fun this month "poppin' their way through 100 days"! I had a great time watching the children enjoy themselves in all the different 100-day activities. We also completed the second quarter of the school year and I got to meet with you all for conferences. I am so glad I had the chance to sit with you one on one to discuss your child's progress. They are all remarkable children, and I am truly blessed to teach each and every one of them. The children have also enjoyed purchasing books from our book fair. Thank you all for supporting our school with your purchases. Now that we've spoken of all the fun things in the month, let's look at what the children did academically.

In Phonics and English, we reviewed our long and short vowel sounds and we learned how to identify if the letter y is being used as a consonant or a vowel. We also learned about topic sentences and detail sentences and how to differentiate both. We also learned how to compose a paragraph using both types of sentences. For Math we finished learning about the clocks and telling time. We also learned about fractions and using the terms halves, fourths, and quarters. For Science we began learning about animals and why God created them to survive and grow. In Heritage Studies we began to learn all about our land and what people can do to take care of it. We have also learned about the five oceans and the seven continents. For Bible we began Unit 2 which is titled God's Work. We learned how the Bible is the rule God gives us to teach us how to love and obey Him. We also reviewed the story of Creation and Adam and Eve. Our bible verse for the month was "Let us be patient." James 5:8. Now that you have been "patient" let's move on and congratulate some children that are very deserving of praise and recognition.

I would like to congratulate Jordan Lindo as our Student of the Month. Jordan has shown improvement in all areas academically and puts forth a lot of effort. I now would like to congratulate Ernesto Hernandez as our Star Student. Ernesto has shown patience and gentleness with his classmates and is loving with everyone. Congratulations to both of you and keep up the great work. As we enter the month of February let's look at what the children will be doing academically.



JORDAN LINDO
STUDENT OF THE MONTH



ERNESTO HERNANDEZ
STAR STUDENT

In each of our subject areas we will be learning quite a bit. In Phonics and English, we will be learning about the different sounds vowels make when paired together. We will also continue to work on writing and how to compose proper paragraph. For Math we will be learning all about subtraction facts up to 12 and using word stories to come up with subtraction number sentences. We will also be learning about plane figures for Geometry. For Science we will continue learning all about animals and why God designed them to survive and grow. In Heritage Studies we will continue learning about our land. In honor of African American History Month, we will be learning about famous African Americans and their contributions to our country. For Bible we will finish learning about the first family. We will also learn about how much God loves us and why we should love others the way God loves us. Our bible verse for the month is "Love one another" 1 John 3:23.

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Thank you, parents, for all that you do for our classroom. I am here for you for whatever you may need. Let's work together to help our children finish out the second half of the year strong.

God Bless You,
Mrs. Barbie



2ND & 3RD GRADE

MS. LINDSEY RUIZ

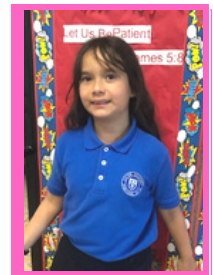
Dear Parents,

What a great way to start the New Year than with our Spring Fling/Open House. I am very proud of all my students' Science Projects and their hard work this semester. Thank you, parents, for all your support during this semester. The Open House is a great chance to see you all and gather as family. January was a memorable month for our school and students. In the month of February, we will have our Valentine's Project and we will have a fun project for Social Studies.

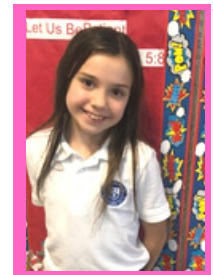
During the month of January, for the subjects of Phonics and English, the students learned pronouns by using flashcards. I introduced "adjectives" by using videos and examples. In Math my second graders learned all about "Customary Measurement" by solving word problems using ruler and tap. The students also learned to identify the length and height of an object. My third graders learned "Time and Calendar" by telling, writing, and differentiating between am and pm. In Science the students had to do research for the planet project. I was very proud of the students' hard work researching the planet that was assigned to them. The whole class enjoyed and learned more fun facts about planets from each student's presentation.

They also learned all about planets with lectures, lessons and videos in class. During Heritage the teacher introduced "American Culture" by having class discussion. For Bible time, the students learned about how to have "A Servant Heart" by reading Bible stories. The students also learned different ways to serve Jesus.

In the month of February, we will learn different from our subject area. In Phonics and English, we will continue doing different types of essays. The students will be writing proper paragraphs and sentences. My second graders will learn about "Pronouns" singular, and plural possessive. My third graders will learn all about "Adverbs" from examples and lectures. In Math, second graders will learn "Place Value: 3-Digit Numbers", using models and manipulatives.



MIA CASTILLA
STUDENT OF THE MONTH



IVANA CERVERA
STAR STUDENT

Third graders will continue reviewing their time tables with drills and flashcards. The third graders will also learn "Customary Measurement" using rulers etc. In Science, the students will learn about "What Natural Resources Are" with videos and examples of resources in our daily life. In Heritage the students learned about "Different Cultures" by reading stories and doing a project. For Bible time, the students will learn all about "A Courageous Heart" with stories such as "God Loved and Cared for the Three Men: Samson, Jonah."

Last, I would like to congratulate Mia Castilla as our Student of the Month. She is doing a great job academically. I would also like to congratulate Ivana Cervera as our Star Student. She has shown the godly character of love and caring for her classmates. I am truly grateful for all of you parents.

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God Bless You All,
Ms. Ruiz

SCHOOL PICTURES

