

LIFTED ACADEMY

# NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2022



Merry Christmas  
from our house to yours!

## SAVE THE DATE:



**"THE THREE TREES" XMAS SHOW**  
BRING FAMILY AND FRIENDS TO OUR  
SPECIAL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM ON  
TUESDAY, DEC. 20TH AT 7 PM.



**CHRISTMAS CLASS PARTIES**  
STUDENTS' CLASS PARTIES WILL BE ON  
THURSDAY, DEC. 22ND AT 10 AM WITH  
EARLY DISMISSAL AT 12:30 PM



**BREAKFAST WITH SANTA**  
KIDS ENJOY A SPECIAL BREAKFAST IN  
THEIR PAJAMAS ON WEDNESDAY, DEC.  
21ST AT 9:30 AM.



**CHRISTMAS BREAK**  
DAYCARE FOR FULL TIME STUDENTS ONLY!  
DEC. 28- 30. CLOSED ON DEC. 23- 27

# DECEMBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
4	5  Women's Mentoring 7 PM	6	7  Every Wednesday 7PM	8	9	10	
11 MYERS' XMAS OPEN HOUSE 3 PM	12	13	14	15  Chapel Awards 10:00 AM	16	17 LCN CONNECT: Men's Breakfast & Women's Café 9:30 AM	
18 KidMin Christmas Parties! 9:30/11AM/1PM CHRISTMAS CANDLELIGHT CONCERT 6 PM	19	20  CHRISTMAS SHOW 7PM	21  BREAKFAST WITH SANTA 9:30 AM	22  CLASS PARTIES 10 AM (half day 12:30 PM)	23  CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY	24	
25  CHRISTMAS SERVICE 11 AM	26  CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY	27 CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY	28 DAYCARE FOR FULL TIME STUDENTS ONLY			30	31 NEW YEARS EVE
Jan. 1  NEW YEARS SERVICE 11 AM	Jan. 2  NEW YEARS DAY HOLIDAY	Jan. 3	Jan. 4 DAYCARE FOR FULL TIME STUDENTS ONLY			Jan. 6	Jan. 7



## DIRECTOR'S CHAIR

DR. ESTELLE C. MYERS

Dear Parents,

**"I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; you shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men." Luke 2:10-14.**

Happy Holidays, or as people used to say hundreds of years ago, "Happy Holy Days." This old English saying, seen as early as the 1500's, was used to commemorate the twelve days of Christmas, between December 24 and January 6, as "holy", for the common people would celebrate the birth of Jesus, while others might celebrate pagan festivals of their own at the same time.

During times of Roman persecution of the early church, the Romans celebrated their Winter Solstice, which gave way to Christians being able to celebrate the birth of Christ without bringing much attention to themselves, even though they knew that Christ was not actually born at that time in the winter. However, while the Romans were caught up in their own pagan celebrations, it gave the Christians a reprieve of their oppression and on-going persecution. The word "Holy" means to be "set apart, dedicated, or consecrated to God;" and so these days were set apart from the normal activities of the year, and dedicated to the celebration of the birth of God's son, Jesus Christ. Thus, the Christians in England would greet one another during those days by saying "Happy Holy Days" which later became known as "holiday" and was also used to refer to any religious observance.

There is an old saying, 'the more things change, the more things stay the same.' It seems our holidays today are very much the same. While Christians utilize the holidays to celebrate the original advent of Christ, many others create their own festive celebrations that have little or nothing to do with Jesus at all. During the month of December there are celebrations of Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, Ramadan, Winter Solstice, Three Kings Day, St. Nicholas Day or any other festival that people want to make up. Unfortunately, it sounds very similar to what was happening hundreds of years ago. Christians can get upset and refuse to enter into any type of celebration at this time of year for fear of "looking like the world," or taking on the customs of the world; but wouldn't it be better to invite others to the greatest celebration of all, the birthday of the King of Kings, and Lord of Lords?

Christmas is a time of celebration and giving. There are three very special gifts that should be recognized each year. The first Christmas gift is the one given by God Himself: God "gave" His Son (John 3:16). He gave us everything in Jesus. The second gift was given by Jesus Christ who willingly came into this world as a baby; he willingly lived the life of a servant, suffered, died on a cross, and rose again so that we too might one day live forever with Him. The third gift is the gift we give back to God- our very own lives. By placing our faith and trust in Jesus Christ, we are reconciled to our heavenly Father, and He restores our rightful place as children and heirs to His Kingdom. This is the true spirit of giving at Christmas. Despite what may be happening around us in this dark world, a light has come and He is worth celebrating.



Christians need to view their Christmas celebrations today as a witness to the world, in much the same way that Paul shared his faith when he went to Athens. Paul did not like the fact that the Greeks worshiped anything and everything, but he used their own symbols to preach Jesus. In their pantheon of god's in Athens, there was one set up for the "Unknown God", as they did not want to offend any of the gods of their day. Paul used this to introduce them to Jesus. Some of the philosophers, the Stoics and Epicureans, believed and were saved, and others passed Paul off as being crazy for preaching about the resurrection of the dead.

Today, we can do the same. We can either be offended by the commercialization of St. Nicolas and the over emphasis on childlike, mystical "belief", or we can use it to introduce our neighbors to Christ. The Christmas song, "Believe," by Josh Groban that was made popular in the children's movie, The Polar Express, demonstrates how much people want so desperately to believe in something, much the same way as the Greeks wanted to believe in something. So why not utilize this inner desire of mankind to believe in something greater than themselves to explain what mankind's desire truly represents? That inner desire to know one's creator- our heavenly Father. God created mankind to love and be loved. Ultimately, only God can fill that void and sent His Son, Jesus- Immanuel (God with us) to fill it, if we would just... believe! I often use the fictitious Santa to explain to children and parents that St. Nicholas was a very real pastor, the Bishop of Myra, in 303 AD. He was persecuted for his faith and later recognized by the Catholic Church for his work and dedication to the early church every January 6th. I explain that we follow his example of giving gifts to poor children in the name of Jesus Christ and introduce families to the love of God. There is another old saying that states, "don't throw the baby out with the bath water." Just because people have made St. Nicolas into a mythical character, we don't have to eliminate him from our celebrations at Christmas. We can actually encourage the spirit of giving that was indicative of St. Nicolas' ministry, to live on in our churches and families today. We don't have to criticize Josh Groban's song; we can utilize it to introduce people to the real meaning of our need to place our faith and belief in Jesus Christ, which is real hope.



Peace on earth? Yes, peace on earth is spread in and through believers of God with the power of the Holy Spirit, which is only made possible by the grace of God through the ultimate gift of the season - Jesus Christ our Lord.

We are "the light of the world," Jesus said. We are here in this life to continue His ministry on this earth that He began so many years ago when he was born and raised to share with mankind about His Father's Kingdom. This Christmas, I challenge you to promote peace, not conflict, among your friends and acquaintances regarding the true meaning of Christmas; for true peace can only come through Jesus, and His message is always one of loving others and giving to those less fortunate than ourselves. Merry Christ - mass.

From our house to yours, may you and your family have a truly blessed Christmas Celebration.

Happy Holy Days!

Dr. Estelle C. Myers,  
School Administrator





**SAMANTHA GROSSY**  
STUDENT OF THE MONTH



**ELLA LI**  
STAR STUDENT

# MIGHTY 2'S

MS. CLARA CABRERA &  
MS. SHIRLEY SERNA

Dear parents,

I would like to thank you all for your effort and support in all of our holiday activities. Thank you to all of those who have helped us be successful in each endeavor.

In the month of November, our children participated in decorating table centerpieces which were designed with their fingerprints to form a turkey and then used at our Thanksgiving Lunch gathering. During this time of the year the kids were able to see different colors of leaves and the transformation of colors in water. We also spent our time with animals this season. Our kids were able to feed and enjoy the presence of numerous animals at our amazing time on our field trip to the farm right here on campus.

Now, this month of December we are ready for a season full of joy, celebration, and lots of Christmas spirit. This month we will continue to work with shapes, colors and Bible curriculum.

Our Student of the Month is Samantha Grossy. Samantha is a brilliant girl, respectful, great listener and follows class instructions. She enjoys answering questions and is a leader among her peers. Our Star Student this month is Ella Li. Ella enjoys sharing and interacting with her classmates every day. She loves to play and has improved her communication and social skills tremendously.

We are super excited and looking forward to receiving this month of December. We can't wait to spend time together in the following events:

- Tuesday, December 20th – School Christmas Program 7:00PM-8:00PM
- Thursday, December 22nd – Christmas Class Parties and Half Day/Early Dismissal at 12:30PM
- Friday, December 23rd – Christmas Holiday - School Closed
- Monday-Tuesday, December 26th & 27th – School Closed
- Wednesday - Friday, December 28th - 30th - Daycare Only

God Bless You,  
Ms. Clara & Ms. Shirley





**JULIO ARROYO**  
STUDENT OF THE MONTH

**JEANA DIAZ**  
STAR STUDENT

# BLESSED 3'S

MRS. MARIA JOSE GROSSY  
& MS. KATTIA DABOUB

Dear parents,

November was a great and exciting month, we had so many opportunities to reflect on all the reasons we should be thankful to God. We celebrated gratefulness with our children, school and families and enjoy together how blessed we are for having such a wonderful father in heaven. He cares about all of us and takes care of each one of our needs. Let s continue being thankful the entire year and let's teach our little ones to be Thankful at all the times.

We had an amazing Thanksgiving party with our class. I would like to thank my parents for all your cooperation to made it possible as well as your generosity to help putting together our Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets to help others and support activities to help our school grow. Our field trip on campus with the Petting Zoo was a memorable experience for all of them. They enjoyed petting the animals and ridding the ponies. They were talking and sharing experiences with their friends and having fun painting and coloring the favorite ones.

We are currently finishing our Fall curriculum with the unit called "I can discover Autumn". They have been becoming aware of changes in their world during this time of the year and thanking God for making such a beautiful world. Verse of the month: **"Make a joyful shout to the Lord" Psalm 100:1**

I would love to recognize two Students who have shown an amazing performance during last month. Our Star Student is Jeana Diaz. Jeana has demonstrated having such a beautiful heart; she is kind to her friends and teachers. She is always willing to apologizes when she does something wrong. She is good at sharing; she is kind and always respectful to everyone. We love having Jeana in our class. Our Student of the Month is Julio Arroyo. Julio has shown a great improvement in the school activities and a good attitude learning and doing all the activities with his classmates. He is showing us how creative and beautiful things.

**Please don't forget these upcoming events:**

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God Bless!  
Mrs. Maria Jose Grossy





**MRS. CATALINA DEL REAL**

**LOOKING BACK...**

November marked the beginning of the holiday season. The children had various activities relating to the Thanksgiving holiday. They happily practiced and performed their songs and made their placemats for the Thanksgiving luncheon. I would like to send a special "thanks" to all the parents who participated in the luncheon. Our campus field trip with "The Farm", was a huge success with the kids. The children interacted very well with all kinds of different animals. However, their favorite part was riding the ponies.

Congratulations to our Student of the Month, Benjamin Myers. It's amazing how fast Benjamin is learning the sight words, counting, puzzles, etc. Above all, Benjamin loves to paint, draw and color. He declares himself as "the best artist in the school" Excellent job Benjamin! Our Star Student is Annabelle Valentin. Annabelle is a mature little girl. She helps her friends showing kindness in so many ways. She is always polite to all of her friends and teachers. Thank you, Annabelle for doing such a great job! Congratulations to both. May God keep you on His right path at all times!

**LOOKING AHEAD...**

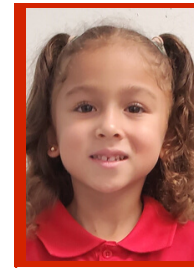
Christmas is here and with it the end of the year 2022. Now is a time for reflection and changes for many, and to come to realize that the real meaning of Christmas is celebrating the birthday of our Savior, Jesus Christ! Joanna Fuchs expresses this reminder so well in her poem "Practice Jesus":

"If we practiced Jesus every way, it'd be like Christmas every day. If we, like Him, were meek and mild, and loved each woman, man and child. If we'd read our Bible, it'd remind us, so that every single day would find us. More and more in sweet accord with our sweet Jesus--Master, Lord. Then every day that we're alive, would be like  
December 25."  
By Joanna Fuchs

This month our theme is "Animals Everywhere". We will learn about all kinds of animals. Using the topic "I Love Animals", we will read stories about wild animals, farm animals, and pets. The second week we will learn about "Animals We Know" and the third week we will learn about "Animals on Land and Sea." In Writing, the children will practice the correct strokes used to make the letters Ff, Aa, and Zz. We will work on trying to identify 10 or more letters by name. Along with letters we will describe objects beginning with the same sounds. In Reading, the children will continue to add new words to our growing sight word list.



**BENJAMIN MYERS**  
STUDENT OF THE MONTH



**ANNABELLE VALENTIN**  
STAR STUDENT



We will continue working on the sequence of a story, drawing conclusions, categorizing, predicting, describing similarities and differences, identifying content specific vocabulary, and practicing independent writing such as letters, words and their names. In Math the children will use numbers to estimate, describe similarities, differences, and sorting. We will talk about data from graphs and identify the use of a calendar. In Social Emotional/Content the children will continue to follow class rules and routines, respect others, ask for help, and understand responsibility for caring for the environment and living things. In Bible Time, we will hear the stories of: "Jesus Was Born in Bethlehem", "The Angels and the Shepherds Spread the Good News", and "Wise Men Follow the Star and Bring the Gifts". The Bible verse is: "Make a joyful shout to the Lord" Psalm 100:1. For the Character Development traits, we will be focusing on: "Joy, Giving, and Sharing".

**THIS MONTH'S HIGHLIGHTS...**

- Tuesday, Dec. 20: School Christmas Program from 7:00 – 8:00 PM
- Thursday, Dec. 22: Christmas Class Parties in pajamas and book exchange with Breakfast with Santa/Early Dismissal at 12:30 PM
- Friday, Dec. 23: Christmas Holiday – School Closed
- Monday & Tuesday, Dec. 26-27: Christmas Holidays – School Closed
- Wednesday-Friday, Dec. 28-30: Christmas Break / Day Care Only
- Monday, Jan. 2: New Year's Day Holiday – School Closed
- Tuesday-Friday, Jan. 3-6: Christmas Break/Day Care only

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

Mrs. Catalina del Real





Dear Parents,

It is finally that time of year!

All the children are talking about how they are helping their family put up their Christmas trees and decorations around the house. In class we have already begun to get into the Christmas spirit by listening to Christmas carols and discussing the birth of Christ. They are excited and already counting down the days until Christmas Eve. But, most importantly, they are learning the reason for the season - the birth of Christ. The bible verse of December is Psalm 100:1, "Make a joyful shout to the Lord", and that is with good reason. God loves us so much, that He sent His one and only son as a baby in a manger. This was a sign of hope and fulfillment of His promises for us.

The month ahead is a busy one, and there are some very important dates to keep in mind. First off, we are looking forward to putting together a beautiful Christmas play called The Three Trees on Tuesday, December 20th. The students are starting to learn some Christmas songs and they will come dressed as angels. On Thursday, December 22nd, the children will have breakfast with Santa in their favorite pajamas. Finally, Thursday, December 22nd each class will celebrate a class party, and it will be an early release day at 12:30 PM. The two weeks that follow will be our school's Christmas break. For a more detailed look at the daycare days please look at the monthly calendar. We will see you all back on Monday, January 9th of 2023.

The next few weeks we will continue to learn through the theme Construction Zone. This is a fun theme that introduces math concepts like measurement, comparing sizes, and 2D and 3D shapes. The letters that we will be learning in the next few weeks are Rr, Bb, and Mm. You can help your child by asking them what letter sounds you hear at the beginning of the word, to help them differentiate the letter sounds. You will see this reflected in the homework so that you can reinforce it at home.



JENSEN FARQUHARSON  
STUDENT OF THE MONTH

SARAH CZEKAY  
STAR STUDENT

# VPK-B

MRS. ALESSANDRA MYERS

This month I want to recognize two students whose hard work has shined through in their overall performance. The first, is our Student of the Month, Jensen Farquharson. He is always eager to participate and is always one of the first to volunteer to help others in any way he can. Our Star Student is Sarah Czekay. She has been working diligently in class and is very sweet to her classmates. Congratulations to both of you, keep up the good work!

The year 2022 will be one to remember. Looking back, there are still so many things to be grateful for. I am grateful that my students started the school year with such a positive attitude and come every day excited to learn more. I am also grateful that so many of our parents got involved in the community outreach activities of last month, including the Gala fundraiser which turned out beautiful. We are grateful for your constant support!

Merry Christmas and God bless you and your family in this special season,

Ms. Aly





**ALEJANDRO PEREZ**  
STUDENT OF THE MONTH



**JASMINE MARTINICA**  
STAR STUDENT

## **KINDERGARTEN'S LITTLE STARS**

**MS. DALIANA CORRALES &  
ROSALIE DE ARMAS**

Hello Parents,

It's beginning to look and feel a lot like Christmas! Snowflakes are falling, stinging rosy-cheeked children. People, anxious to buy those last minute gifts, are hustling and bustling in crowded stores. Fire places are burning brightly. Stockings, hung with care, are waiting to be filled with goodies.

Wait a minute! This is South Florida. No! It's sunshine, shorts, and flip-flops. However, the one idea that is the same all over the world is the celebration of the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Jesus' birth is universally acknowledged by all Christians who understand the miraculous gift God sent to us. We, here of Lifted Church and Academy are committed to teaching our young ones the true meaning of Christmas. It is not only the time to receive gifts or to decorate our homes with trees and lights, but also to reflect on who Jesus is and why God sent Him to this world of sin. Jesus, a king, was sent as a lowly baby of poor parents to die on a rugged cross for us. Parents, think on this!

On a sad note, the class will be missing one of our dear teachers, Mrs. Girlie Jordan. Due to circumstances, she must return to her native Philippines. She will be greatly missed though by the students and her other colleagues. God willing, she will return to us in the future.

This month, the class will be busy practicing for our holiday program and dressing up the room with hand-made decorations. Learning will continue in Reading, Math, and Bible. The children are beginning to read better which is a delight! Parents, please practice those word families and vowel sounds.

In Math, we will continue to reinforce writing and counting to fifty to understand order of events, time to the hour, and to learn addition facts up to five. Our Bible study will include not only Jesus' birth, but also the birth and life of Moses. Hopefully, the children will see how God has worked His will and wonders in both the Old and the New Testaments.

Finally, I would like to recognize two students for our monthly awards. Even though Alejandro Perez has to overcome challenges, he has managed to keep up with his work and to show improvement in all areas of learning. I, therefore, nominate him for Student of the Month. For Star Student, Jasmine Martinica is my choice, as she shows interest in the Bible and has an awareness of her responsibility to the teacher and her fellow students. God bless you both!

Please check your calendar to be reminded of the upcoming important dates. As we go off on our separate winter vacations, I want to wish all of you parents and children of Lifted Academy a very "Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year!" May God keep you safe and healthy, and ready to start 2023!

Yours In Christ,  
Ms. Rosalie



Hi! My name is Daliana Corrales, I'm going to be your child's teacher for the rest of the school year. I am so blessed to be among the great group of teachers and administrators at Lifted Academy. I have a Bachelor degree of science in Early Childhood Education. I have been teaching Kindergarten for the last 10 years and I am so excited to learn more about each one of you. I look forward to a wonderful year of learning and making memories with my little kindergarteners. I live with my husband Alain and my three wonderful boys, Daniel, who is 15 years old, David is 9 years old, and Dylan who is 3 years old. I am from Costa Rica and I love to cook, bake cakes and decorate them. I look forward in working together to make this a most successful school year! Please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Corrales

# 1ST GRADE

MRS. BARBARA ARROYO



Hello parents,

What a wonderful time the month of November was. November is always a great time to reflect on all the things we are thankful for, and all that God has blessed us with. The children had plenty of opportunities to do just that. One way the children showed their thankfulness was by paying it forward and donating food for our thanksgiving food drive. Thanks to all their donations our class won the competition for the most donations. The children showed their love for Ms. Aly and the twins by having a baby shower for her in our classroom. Thank you to everyone that helped us put it together, it came out beautifully.

One of the many awesome activities the children were able to enjoy was the on-campus animal farm. It was a joy to see the children have fun riding the ponies and feeding the animals. We also celebrated Thanksgiving and the children were the cutest Indians in the whole school. A big thank you to Jenny for the beautiful job she did on the face painting. I want to congratulate the kids on the amazing job they did on the song and the poem.

I want to thank everyone for helping put together an amazing basket for the Gala. The basket was a big hit, and I am sure that whoever ended up with the basket loved it as much as I did. A big thank you to everyone for surprising me for my birthday. I truly felt the love and I appreciate it tremendously. The fun is not over yet though, we have a bunch of great activities coming up this month that we will be busily preparing for. You will see down below a list of those activities. Now I would like to switch gears a little bit and speak about all the things we did academically in the month of November.

In Phonics and English, we continued with unit 2. We focused on the -ed, and -ing suffixes. We also learned about the -th and -wh letter blend. We reviewed what syllables are and we learned how to determine the number of syllables a word contains. We also continued to work on proper sentence structure and reviewing the short and long vowel sounds. For Math we continued to learn about money, how to identify the different coins, and what their value is. We also learned our addition facts to 12 and how to use a number line to count. For Science we began to learn about living and non-living things. We focused on plants and all its parts. We also learned about a plant's life cycle. In Heritage Studies we continued to learn about jobs and the difference between a need and a want and the difference between a good and a service. For Bible time this month we learned about Samuel. We also continued learning about Moses and how he rescued his people from the land of Egypt. Our monthly bible verse was "Give thanks to the Lord for He is good." Psalm 106: 1. Now that we have seen what we did this month academically, I have some students I would like to congratulate.



**GUSTAVO VEGA**  
STUDENT OF THE MONTH



**REBECCA MYERS**  
STAR STUDENT



I am proud to name Gustavo Vega as our Student of the Month. Gustavo participates always and puts forth tremendous effort. I am proud to name Rebecca Myers as our Star Student. Rebecca has shown the godly character of thankfulness and is setting an example for others to follow. Congratulations to both of you, keep up the great work. Let's now look at what we will be learning in the month of December.

In each of our subjects we will be learning a lot. In Phonics and English, we will be learning about all the long vowel sounds. We will be reviewing proper nouns. We will also learn about past tense and present tense verbs and how to use them in a sentence. For Math we will be learning all about the clock and how to tell time. We will also be learning how to properly read a calendar. For Science we will finish our lessons on plants and begin learning all about animals. In Heritage Studies we will finish our unit on jobs and start our unit on our land. We will focus on ways people care for God's earth and how living things interact with their environment. For Bible we will learn all about the real meaning of Christmas and we will prepare for our Christmas show. Our bible verse for the month is "Make a joyful shout to the Lord". Psalm 100:1

Keep in mind important events and dates that are coming up this month:

- Tuesday, December 20th is the school Christmas program at 7 pm.
- Wednesday, December 21st is the breakfast with Santa and children can come in pajamas.
- Thursday December 22nd is the class parties with early dismissal at 12:30.
- Friday, December 23rd - Tuesday, 27th: Christmas holiday and the school is closed.
- Wednesday, December 28th - Friday, 30th: the school will be open for daycare for full time students only.
- Monday, January 2nd: School Closed for the New Year's holiday.
- Tuesday, January 3rd-6th: the school will be open for daycare for full time students only.
- Monday, January 9th: school resumes for everyone.

Thank you, parents, for all you do for our children and for helping make our class the success that it is. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to ask. I am here to help you in whatever you may need. Have a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year. God Bless You!

Mrs. Barbie





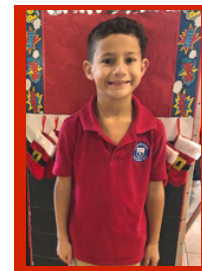
## 2ND & 3RD GRADE

MS. LINDSAY RUIZ

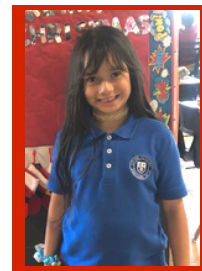
Our Thanksgiving show was a success. I am very proud of all my students. They did a great job on stage. Once again, we were able to gather like family. The students were so excited to show you all the crafts and their thanksgiving performance. We are now getting ready for our Christmas program. December is the most wonderful month of the year. The students will be doing various Christmas activities such as: making a gingerbread house, painting ornaments, doing experiments, and having a tree contest. The students are already getting ready and practicing for our Christmas play, "The Three Trees".

During the month of November for Phonics and English, we worked on verbs and subject parts. The students learned how to identify the subject and verb in sentences. For Math, second grade students learned "Place Value: 2-Digit Numbers" in an interactive way. The third graders learned "Addition and subtraction: 4-5 Digit Numbers," and three-digit numbers using boards. During our Bible class we learned all about having a "Humble Heart" with stories such as "Samson Needs Humility" and "Samson Reaps the Results of Pride". In Science we discussed "How Matter Moves" using daily life examples and experiments. In "Heritage Studies" we studied about "Buying and Selling Goods" with class discussion and crafts.

This month of December, we will learn different concepts in our subject areas. In Phonics and English, I will introduce how to write a story and how to write different types of essays. The students will learn how to write a proper paragraph with correct sentences and complete thoughts and punctuations.



**VICTOR HERNANDEZ**  
STUDENT OF THE MONTH



**MIA CASTILLA**  
STAR STUDENT

Third grade will continue learning different types of essays with guidance. In Math, second graders will learn how to "Subtract two digit numbers" using models and using a number line. The third graders will start memorizing the time tables with drills, models and manipulatives. In Science, I will introduce "How the Earth Moves", the students will learn to identify the solar system. In Heritage Studies we will be learning "People and Places" by reading stories and tracing Daniel's journey to the west. For Bible time, this month the students will hear "How Jesus was born" with class discussion and activities.

Last, I would like to congratulate Victor Hernandez as our Student of the Month. He is doing a great job academically. I would also like to congratulate Mia Castilla as our Star Student. Mia has shown the godly character of love and caring for her classmates.

### Important Days to Remember In December:

- Tuesday, Dec 20th Christmas Program @ 7:00 PM
- Thursday, Dec 22nd Christmas Class parties / Early Release Day @12:30 PM.
- Friday, Dec 23rd NO SCHOOL
- Mon- Fri, Dec 26-27 Christmas Holiday- No School
- Wed-Fri Dec 28-30 Christmas Holiday - No School

God Bless You All,  
Ms. Ruiz



# SCHOOL PICTURES

