

LIFTED ACADEMY

NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2022



Fall for
Jesus
he never
leaves



"Trust in the Lord and do good."
PSALM 31:3

SAVE THE DATE!



HERITAGE DAY

Wednesday, Oct. 12th in the Classrooms. Kids come representing their country!



Fall Open House/
Spaghetti Dinner



FALL OPEN HOUSE






Thursday, Oct. 20th
Join us for a special Fall Open House! Spaghetti Dinner begins at 6:30 PM



TRUNK OR TREAT

October 31st - 6-9 PM
Bring the family for our Annual Fall Festival -Trunk or Treat

October

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
2	3	4 Picture Day  2's, 3's, VPK	5 Picture Day  Kinder, 1st - 3rd Gr.	6  PTF Parent Teacher Fellowship Zoom Meeting 7 PM	7	8
9	10 School Closed - Columbus Day Holiday Women's Discipleship w/ Dr. Estelle Myers @ 7 PM	11	12 HERITAGE DAY  Christian Scouts Clubs 7 PM	13	14 FT to Library Kinder - 3rd Grade 9:00 AM	15  Men's & Women's Breakfast 9:30 AM
16  "FALL FUN" Kids Sunday School Parties! 9:30, 11AM, 1PM	17	18	19  Christian Scouts Clubs 7 PM	20  Fall Open House/ Spaghetti Dinner 6:30 PM	21	22
23	24	25	26	27  FT Berry Farm 9:00 AM	28	29
Spirit Week						
30	31 FALL CLASS PARTIES 10 AM Half Day/ School closes @ 12:30 PM  6-9 PM	Nov. 1	Nov. 2  Parent Seminar 7 PM "The ABC's of Parenting" w/ Dr. Estelle Myers	Nov. 3	Nov. 4	Nov. 5



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DR. ESTELLE C. MYERS

Dear Parents,

We are officially in one of my favorite seasons in the year- Fall! Perhaps it is the welcome change from the heat of summer to the cooler temperatures felt this time of the year, or the beauty of the trees up north changing the landscape of the countryside with a blast of color, or simply the nostalgia of childhood memories of playing outside until dusk among the fallen leaves, knowing that the holidays were right around the corner. Regardless, fall is a wonderful time to enjoy the outdoors with your children, especially here in South Florida.

In that light, our students will be enjoying several wonderful activities centered around this autumn season. Please check out the calendar inside this newsletter and put it up on your refrigerator so that you don't miss a thing. Our field trip for the month is our annual trek to the pumpkin patch on October 27. This year we will be going to Berry's Farm in the Redlands to participate in an old fashion hay ride, pick our own pumpkins, and enjoy an outdoor picnic. I do hope you will be able to attend with your child. Please sign up to be a chaperone on your child's field trip form so that you don't miss out on all the fun.

October also marks the end of the first quarter of school, and your children are doing an amazing job. As I visit each classroom, I am pleased to see the ease in which our teachers are working with your children, and how well your little ones are listening and soaking up everything they hear.



We are celebrating in this month's issue, the Student of the Month and the Star Student for each class from the previous month of September. Our Star Students are those who have been exhibiting those character traits of obedience and love consistently throughout the month toward their classmates. The Student of the Month award is recognizing those students who are excelling intellectually in learning new academic skills. Students will typically be recognized in the first chapel of each month, this month they will be recognized on Thursday, October 5, at 10 AM. Parents are always welcome, and encouraged to attend as well. We will be recognizing students throughout the year, so don't worry, every student will be recognized at some time within the year.

In addition to pumpkin patches and chapel services, I want to personally invite all of you to our annual Fall Open House/Spaghetti Dinner on Thursday evening, October 20. This is a wonderful opportunity to observe all of the new things your child has been involved in this first quarter and also gives you a chance to meet the parents of your child's friends and make some life long friends yourselves. Dinner begins at 6:30 PM and the classroom doors open at 7:15 PM. We want you to bring your child, so that he/she can "show off" his/her accomplishments. It has been statistically proven that children do significantly better in school when they see their parents directly involved on their school campus.



Especially when it comes to young children, they feel that school is important when mom and dad come to school and view their accomplishments as important too. We gladly provide dinner free to all family members who can attend as a way to say, "Thanks" for being a part of our school family. We just ask that you sign up and let us know how many of your family members will be attending, and if you can bring a dessert to share with your child's friends and families, we would greatly appreciate that too.

Due to Hurricane Ian, we had to postpone our Parent Seminar to the first week of November. So plan now to obtain some valuable information that will help you with the parenting process. Our first priority as parents and teachers is to raise healthy children, physically, intellectually, socially, emotionally, and spiritually. In a society that is morally bankrupt and lacking in sound judgment, it is all the more important that we have a strategy for leading our children down the right path in this life. If parents are intentional in truly leading their children down a godly path, their children will follow. Our next seminar will tackle some more practical issues of successful parenting, discipline and motivation according to the ages and stages of development in the life of your child. Child care is provided at our AWANA's program. I look forward to seeing you all on Wednesday evening, November 2 from 7-8:30 pm.

While we have a lot of celebrations and fun activities here at school in October, November will see our kids involved in some mission projects locally that will be focusing more on the needs of others around us. Beginning November 1, we will have a food drive for the homeless and needy in our community, as well as to help with Thanksgiving Baskets at the end of November. We will also be encouraging each family to put together a "shoebox" of toys and goodies for children around the world through "Operation Christmas Child". Projects such as these teach our children that it truly is "more blessed to give than to receive," just as Jesus taught us. I do hope you will get involved with all of these upcoming projects with your children.

Don't forget to put our annual Trunk or Treat on your calendar as well. This wonderful outreach event is designed to give children and families a safe place to go on October 31. Parents decorate the trunk of their cars, and children are allowed to go to each trunk to receive free candy. We also have a Fall Festival complete with our live Christian band, rides, food, and fun for the whole family. If you would like to volunteer your trunk or man a ride to help with the festival, we would greatly appreciate your support. Let your child's teacher know and we will sign you up. Candy donations are also being accepted throughout this month of October.

Fall has gotten off to a great start, despite the hurricane, and I am looking forward to what God is going to do among all of our families in the coming year. Please continue to pray for the expansion of our school. We will be having another Christmas Gala this year to share more about that in December. So save the date: Saturday, December 3, at the Pullman Hotel from 6:30-10:30 PM. Formal invitations will be out soon, and we invite all of our parents to consider something they may like to donate for our annual action at this event.

God is good, and always has a plan and purpose for his people. Remember His promise: **"I know the plans I have for you,"** declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you a hope and a future. Then you will come and pray to me and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when when your search for me with all your heart. And I will be found by you!" Jeremiah 29:11-13

We have a good Father who loves us and watches over us, and He desires to have a real relationship with us throughout our lives. He is sovereign and knows our every desire and will fulfill His purposes in our lives, if we will but acknowledge Him in all that we do. Keep your focus upward, regardless of your circumstances, and you will be blessed without ever having to look back on your choices in life with any regret. We must live to this end and teach this to our children, for this is how we succeed in life.

May God richly bless you and your families.

In His Service and Love,

Dr. Estelle C. Myers
School Principal



MIGHTY 2'S

MS. CLARA CABRERA

Hello parents,

Welcome to Fall at Lifted Academy! We hope that throughout last month working together, you now all feel comfortable, and welcomed by the school. First, we want to thank you all for your participation at our Open House and Back to School Night. We also want to thank you for showing support and participating in our Grandparent's Day activity. Thanks to them we had a spectacular event with all the children and their grandparents.

Each month I will be choosing a Student of the Month and a Star Student. The Student of the Month is a student who has shown improvement during the month and our Star Student is any student who has demonstrated outstanding character in the class throughout the month. Our Star Student this month is Joseph Corzo. He is respectful, obedient and follows the class routines, he is also kind to his classmates and his teachers. Our Student of the Month is Melody Felipe. She is a wonderful girl, very smart and has shown a lot of dedication to her work. She has been showing great performance in all of her activities that are done in class and is always willing to answer questions that I may ask in class. Congratulations Joseph and Melody! I am so proud of you both.



MELODY FELIPE
STUDENT OF THE MONTH



JOSEPH CORZO
STAR STUDENT

Here is a reminder of all of our upcoming events:

- Tuesday, Oct. 4th: Picture Day!
- Monday, Oct. 10th: Columbus day Holiday- School Closed
- Wednesday, Oct. 12th: Heritage Day
- Thursday, Oct. 20th: School Open House/ Spaghetti Dinner from 6:30-8:30pm
- Monday-Friday, Oct.24th-31st: Spirit Week
- Thursday, Oct. 27th: Field Trip to the Berry Farm- from 9AM to Noon.
- Monday, Oct. 31st - Fall Class Parties @ 10 AM / Half Day early dismissal at 12:30 PM & Fall Festival Trunk or Treat from 6-9pm.

We hope to see you all and participate with us during this busy month!

God Bless You,
Ms. Clara



CADEN GONZALEZ
STUDENT OF THE MONTH



ABIGAIL ARAGON
STAR STUDENT

BLESSED 3'S

MRS. MARIA JOSE GROSSY

Dear parents,

We are having busy, happy days at school. The children have had fun with a variety of activities. Each day they grow in their ability to work, play with others, and care for their own needs. Young children learn from watching adults in their lives. That's why we need to show a good example in everything we do, always demonstrating to them how to do things God's way.

Last month, we enjoyed having very special visitors in our classroom. I would like to thank all the grandparents that came to participate on their special day. We had an amazing time together and they got to spend a beautiful time with their grandchildren.

Our on campus field trip this month was great! The children had the opportunity to get to know our local Fire Fighters, sit in their Firetruck, and learn more about these wonderful community helpers by talking to them personally. They had a wonderful learning experience that they will not soon forget.

Currently, we are working on our unit entitled "*I am special*". The purpose of the unit is to help children to understand the idea of God made us all unique and special, we all are different, and we need to respect and love each other the way we are.

Verse of the month: "I am fearfully and wonderfully made" Psalm 139:14

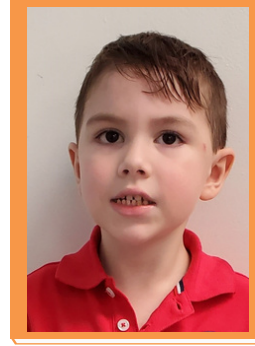
Our Student of the month is Caden Gonzalez. Caden has been a great example for all his friends in our classroom. He is always listening and paying attention to his teachers. He participates and collaborates in all the class activities showing an outstanding performance in all of his jobs. It has been a pleasure having Caden in our class. Our Star Student is Abigail Aragon. Since school started she has shown her teachers and friends how lovely, sweet, and kind she is; always caring about others and helping them in whatever they need. We are so happy to have Abigail in our class.

We are all looking forward to being part of the upcoming events:

- Tuesday, Oct. 4th: Winter Picture Day This is a nice memory for you to have of your child.
- Monday, Oct. 10th: Columbus day Holiday-School Closed
- Wednesday, Oct. 12th: Heritage Day
- Thursday, Oct. 20th: Open House/ Spaghetti Dinner from 6:30 - 8:30 PM
- Mon.-Fri., Oct. 24th-28th: Spirit Week
- Thursday, Oct. 27th: Berry Farm Field Trip
- Monday, Oct. 31st: Fall Class Parties @ 10 AM / Half Day - School closes @ 12:30 PM & Fall Festival "Trunk or Treat" 6-9 PM

We hope you can participate in these activities we have been preparing for you!

Blessings to All,
Mrs. Maria Jose Grossy



FEDERICO CABALLERO
STUDENT OF THE MONTH



SOFIA BERAZA
STAR STUDENT

VPK-A

MRS. CATALINA DEL REAL

Dear Parents,

LOOKING BACK...

The school year has just begun, and I have already seen progress in your children. I am very excited, and look forward to the rest of the school year!!!

We had a great month! The children worked so hard on the presents and cards for the Grandparents' Day. They enjoyed making them! I want to thank the parents for their cooperation. I also want to thank the grandparents that came, they all seemed to have a wonderful time. Thank you all so very much!

I've been observing the children very carefully and I noticed how Federico Caballero listens carefully to everything that is new to him. He answers questions if the teacher specifically asks him and Federico's answers are, most of the time, correct. He has a passion for sea animals especially for "sharks", he knows their names and asked about the ones he doesn't know. Well done Federico. I also noticed how friendly Sofia Beraza is. She talks and plays nicely with all of her classmates and Sofia is always willing to help her friends and the teacher too. Good job Sofia. I am blessed to have these children under my care and in our VPK-A class. Federico Caballero is our Student of the Month, and Sofia Beraza is our Star Student this month. Congratulations to both, and may God continue to guide them in everything they do.

LOOKING AHEAD...

This month our theme is "Community Helpers", "Using My Senses", "Outside Our Door" and "We're Detectives!" In Writing, the children will practice the correct strokes used to make the letters Pp, Tt, Oo, and Xx. We will also work with discriminating rhyming from non-rhyming word, and producing our own oral rhymes. Then, we will match letters and use sensory words. In Reading, the children will continue to add new words to our growing sight word list. We will continue to work on creating sentences with the sight words and understanding their meaning. We will also continue practicing letter and letters sounds.

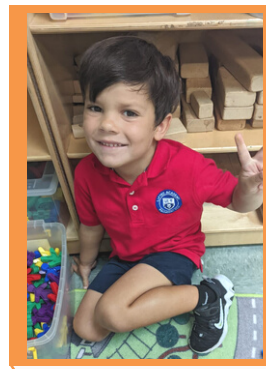
Each week, we will read a different story, and practice ways to comprehend and retell its sequence of events. In Math, the children will master recognition of the numbers 1 to 5 and their values. They will also describe, reproduce, predict, and extend patterns. In Science, the children will observe and learn by using their senses. We hope to expand their knowledge of their body and how we use it in relation to the environment. We will work on describing the weather and using our senses as well. We will also sort objects into groups and use our senses to describe patterns found in nature. In Bible time this month we will learn to trust in God, be kind and love others. The stories we will be covering are: "The First Family and The Fall" Genesis 2:18-3:24, "Cain and Abel" Genesis 4:1-16, "Noah Trusts God" Genesis 6:9-9:17, "Abraham's Faith and Trust in God", and "The Gift of Isaac" Genesis 12:1-9; 21:1-7. It would very helpful if the children listened to the stories at home as well, this would reinforce what they have learned here in school. The character traits that we will be focusing on with the children are: justice, honesty/integrity, and trust/faith.

Pray with us for your children, that they will begin to trust in God in all circumstances.

This Month's Highlights:

- Monday, Oct. 10th: Columbus Day - School Closed
- Wednesday, Oct. 12th: Heritage Day
- Thursday, Oct. 20th: Open House/Spaghetti Dinner from 6:30-8:30 PM
- Thursday, Oct. 27th: Field Trip to the "Berry Farm" at 9 AM
- Friday, Oct. 28th: Teacher Workday for Kinder-3rd Grade - NO school
- Monday, Oct. 31st: Fall Class Parties @ 10 AM / Half Day - School closes @ 12:30 PM & Fall Festival "Trunk or Treat" 6-9 PM.

May God Bless you all enormously!
Mrs. Catalina del Real



ERIK PORTO
STUDENT OF THE MONTH



MIA MOLINA
STAR STUDENT

VPK-B

MRS. ALESSANDRA MYERS

Dear Parents and Families,

September 15th marked the first day of Autumn! Although here in Miami the change is not quickly noticeable, I did show the children pictures of how other parts of the country are beginning to look, and I must say, that they are quite excited! The children are looking forward to the Holidays and upcoming family celebrations, it is wonderful that we can always find joy during these times.

This month, we will begin to recognize the Student of the Month and Star Student. The Student of the Month focuses on academic achievement and progress, while the Star Student focuses on the Character development of the students. Each month we will have a different Bible verse to memorize and character traits to focus on. This month, I would like to congratulate Erik Porto as the Student of the Month. He has started the year focused and ready to learn! Mia Molina is our Star Student. The character traits of last month were self-control and obedience, and Mia has been persistent in showing these characteristics in class and to her classmates. Congrats to you both!

The Bible verse for the month is **“Trust in the Lord and do good.” Psalm 37:3.** Our character traits that we will be focusing on are justice, honesty/integrity, and trust/faith. We will practice this verse and you can do the same at home so that your child can better memorize it.

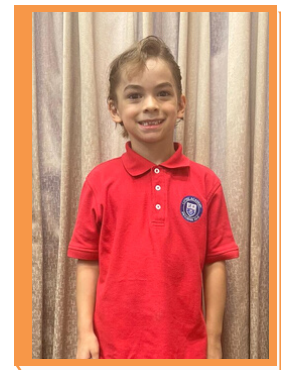
The Bible story that we will be learning about is the continuation of the fall in the Garden of Eden and how it affected Adam and Eve and their family. Towards the end of the month, we will also learn about Noah and the Ark that he built. You will see these stories reflected in the homework assignments that go home, so be sure to ask your children questions about what they learned from them.

This month through the Houghton Mifflin VPK curriculum we will continue to learn about our five senses. The students will be exploring ways in which we can learn about the world around us through what we hear, see, feel, smell, and touch. The theme after that will include the four seasons. This will be perfect for the changes in the weather that we are going to experience.

The month of October is a very busy one, and there are many important events to keep in mind. Here they are listed so that you can already mark your calendars.

- Monday, Oct. 10th: Columbus Day -School Closed
- Wednesday, Oct. 12th: Heritage Day
- Thursday, Oct. 20th: Open House/Spaghetti Dinner from 6:30-8:30 PM
- Thursday, Oct. 27th: Field Trip to the “Berry Farm” at 9 AM
- Monday, Oct. 31st: Fall Class Parties @ 10 AM / Half Day - School closes @ 12:30 PM & Fall Festival "Trunk or Treat" 6-9 PM.

Many Blessings,
Ms. Aly



SCARLET WHITE
STUDENT OF THE MONTH

NATHAN BONILLA
STAR STUDENT

KINDERGARTEN

MRS. GIRLIE JORDAN &
MS. ROSALIE DE ARMAS

Hello Parents,



The start of school has gone well. Our little stars are becoming familiar to the Kindergarten routines. We have done a lot of fun learning and exploring. Here is a peek of what we had in the month of August and September.

In Language, we began learning letters, sounds, word families, service words, and reading 3 word sentences. Along with these, our little stars enjoyed some activities we had in the classroom such as building their own homes in Pine Hill, where the main characters in our language textbook live, making a firefighter's hat and having a real firefighter in the class; listening to a dental hygienist and doing an activity about teeth. The students were able to make their own smiling snack and had a chance to lay out the different kinds of teeth on the gum cardstock. They also learned how to group healthy foods. In Bible, we learned about God's creation and Noah's Ark. In Math, they learned about sorting objects, quantities from 0-5, and ordinal numbers. It has definitely been a very busy month.

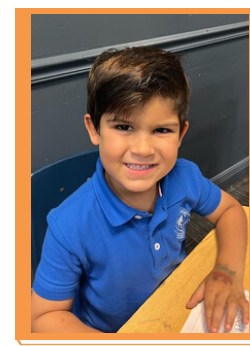
In closing, we would like to thank everyone's patience, support, and cooperation in making the start of the school year a success. Thank you for attending our Back-To-School Night. We were so happy to meet most of you. Also, our Grandparent's Day celebration was a blast. The kids were so excited to honor and give appreciation to all of the grandparents.

This month we would like to recognize our Student of the Month and Star Student for September. We would like to congratulate Scarlet White, as our Student of the Month, for showing excellence in all subject areas. For the Star Student, we would like to congratulate Nathan Bonilla for demonstrating godly traits such as listening and obeying his teachers and always being willing to pray.

We have lots of exciting events in October, so please refer to our calendar insert.

Again, thank you so much for all that you do. We are so blessed to have you all as our partners in teaching minds, touching hearts, and transforming the lives of our little stars.

God Bless You All,
Ms. Girlie and Ms. Rosalie



KRIS PORTO
STUDENT OF THE MONTH



JOSHUA LINDO
STAR STUDENT

Hello parents,

The start of the school year has been successful and I expect that it will only get better from here. I cannot believe we are already coming into the month of October. We have done so much in this last month, not just academically, but also fun things as well. We had our first fundraiser for the year which I hope brought the school lots of funds to fix our playground. Thank-you to all that participated and helped us get closer to our goal.

The students enjoyed celebrating Grandparents Day with their grandparents, and I too enjoyed having them here. It was a fun morning for everyone. The children also enjoyed having "funny sock day". It was cute seeing all their funny socks. One other thing they enjoyed was celebrating the first birthday of the year in our class, which was Mia's. I'm sad I missed it, but I'm sure we will have others throughout the year that I will gladly be a part of.

Academically, the children have been learning a lot. In Phonics and English, we worked on all our letters and letter sounds and we have begun doing spelling tests. The children have also begun learning how to compose complete sentences. For Math, we have worked closely with grouping and making sets with tens and ones. We also worked on addition with word stories and counting by 1's, 5's, and 10's. In Bible, we learned all about the Creation Story, Adam and Eve, and King David. In Science, we learned about how to use our five senses and we learned why Science is important. In Heritage Studies, we completed our first unit which was all about families and they learned about the first family Adam and Eve.

Now that you have received a glimpse as to all the fun things the children did and learned this past month, I want to bring attention to some students that need recognition. We would like to recognize and congratulate Kris Porto as our Student of the Month. Kris does very well academically and loves to participate in class. We also would like to congratulate Joshua Lindo as our Star Student. Joshua has shown the godly character of love and is friendly and helpful to everyone. Congratulations to both of you and keep up the great work!

Now, we will shift our attention to what we will be doing academically in this coming month. In Phonics and English, we will be completing our Unit One assessment that will let me know how the students are performing thus far and will help me to see where the children need the most help.

1ST GRADE

MRS. BARBARA ARROYO

We will be beginning Unit Two, which will introduce word syllables, adjectives, and different letter blends, and will review nouns and verbs. In Math, we will be working on subtraction facts up to 6 and data using graphs such as bar graphs, pictographs, and circle graphs. In Science, we will be looking closely at the scientific method, and I will be conducting fun experiments with the class. In Heritage Studies, we will be talking about our community and community helpers. In Bible time, this month, the students will learn all about Moses and God's promises to him and His people. They will also learn about Solomon dedicating the temple. Our monthly Bible verse is Psalm 139:14, **"I am fearfully and wonderfully made."** Our Unit memory verse is Deuteronomy 32:4, **"No one else is like God."**

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

- Wednesday, Oct. 5th: is Picture Day Christmas theme
- Monday, Oct. 10th: the school is closed for Columbus Day.
- Wednesday, Oct. 12th: Heritage Day
- Friday, Oct. 14th: Field Trip to the library for children in Kinder-3rd .
- Thursday, Oct. 20th: Fall Open House/Spaghetti Dinner.
- Friday, Oct. 21st: Teacher Workday for K-3rd . Day care will be available for full time children only.
- Thursday, Oct. 27th: Field Trip to the Berry Farm.
- Monday, Oct. 31st: Fall Class Parties at 10 am. School closes at 12:30 pm. Trunk or treat will be in the evening from 6 - 9 PM.
- Every Wednesday from 10-10:30 is chapel time with Dr. Myers and parents are welcome to attend.

In closing I want to thank you, parents, for all that you do. You really help make our class the best it can be. A big thank you also to Karla for already doing an amazing job as Room Mom. I appreciate all that you do! Let's continue to make 1st grade the best class ever.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to ask. I am here to help you and to make sure your children have an amazing school year.

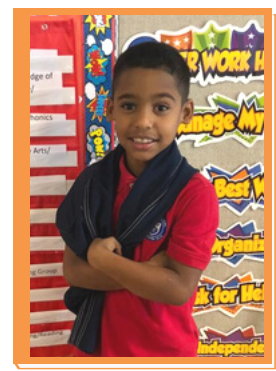
God Bless You,
Mrs. Barbie



ETHAN BONILLA
STUDENT OF THE MONTH



NICHOLO JORDAN
STUDENT OF THE MONTH



ANTONIO HURTADO
STAR STUDENT

2ND & 3RD GRADE

MS. LINDSAY RUIZ

During the month of October, we will learn different concepts in our subject areas. In Phonics and English, I will introduce different types of poems. The students will learn how to write a poem. Third grade will learn the format of an essay and how to write an essay with tips and guidance. In Math, second graders will learn how to add two digit numbers using models. The third graders will learn how to estimate and add three digit numbers. In science they will learn all about Matter, and I will be conducting steam experiments. In Heritage Studies we will be learning "How Government Works," by reading the lessons and having class discussions. During Bible time this month the students will learn all about Abraham and the promises God made to him.

Last, I would like to congratulate Nicholo Jordan and Ethan Bonilla as our student of the month. They are both doing very good academically. I would also like to congratulate Antonio Hurtado as our Star Student of the month. Antonio has shown the Godly character of love and is very helpful by keeping our class nice and organized. We will continue learning and enjoying our subject areas in fun ways. There are many more activities planned for the month of October, so please refer to our Calendar insert in this month's newsletter.

God Bless You,
Mrs. Ruiz

Dear Parents,

So far the beginning of the school year has been wonderful and exciting. The students are already learning how to be independent, organized and responsible. The students are all very special and unique. During the months of August and September, I've been reviewing basic concepts for all subjects. In Phonics and English, we worked on run-ons and fragments. The students learned different types of sentences and how to write a correct sentence. For math, second grade students learned how to subtract using manipulatives. Third grade reviewed place value using manipulatives as well.

During our Bible class we learned all about the Creation Story. In Science we learned about "Science Inquiry" to use our five senses and we learned why Science is important. In Heritage Studies we studied all about communities and community helpers. The students enjoyed and learned about community helpers by doing a project in class. During the project, the students had to research a community helper and write what they learned.