

Counselor Connection

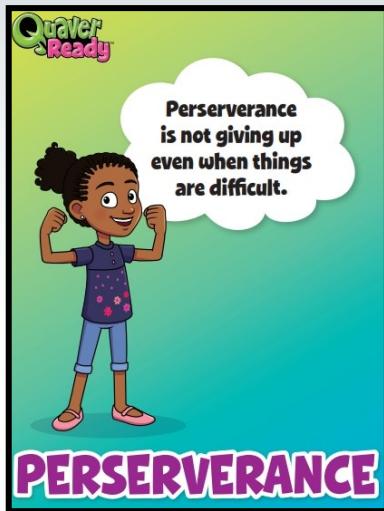
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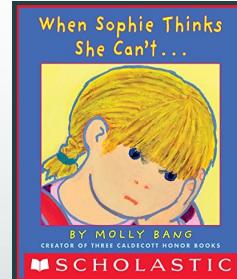
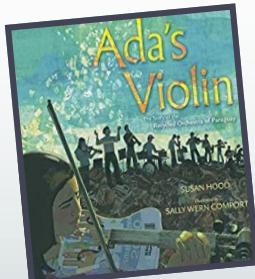
Word of the Month: PERSEVERANCE



Our character trait for the month of January is Perseverance. This month, we are encouraging our Vikings to remember that finishing what you start is always worth the effort. School, much like life, has its ups and downs—some days feel easy, while others can be challenging. Through it all, we will continue to persevere, reflect on our experiences, and grow from them.

Here are a few stories you could share with your students that highlight the importance of perseverance and determination. Families can click the link below to enjoy the read-aloud together at home and start the conversation.

We wish you all a Happy New Year and look forward to a month filled with growth, resilience, and success!



5th Grade Middle School Transition DATES

- January 16th~ GMS tour for zoned students
- January 21st ~ [GMS Parent Night, 6pm at GMS](#)
- January 26th ~ [SLMS Parent Night, 6pm at SLMS](#)
- January 26th—February 13th ~ [Course Selection Window](#)
- January 27th ~ SLMS tour for zoned students
- February 1-28th~ [Quail Valley GTA Application Window](#)
- February 12th~ [GTA Expo of Excellence Information Night](#)
- March 9-13 ~Skyward Parent Course Verification Window

FBISD Spring GT Referral

Students who enrolled in FBISD after September 30, 2025, are eligible for a spring GT evaluation.

- The online referral website link will be available **beginning 1/8/2026** on the [GT Home Page](#).
- To submit a referral, the parent/guardian **must** use the online referral website during the referral window.
- Referrals must be submitted online by the **January 31, 2026** deadline. **Exceptions will not be made.**
- Parent/guardian must consent to have the student tested if a staff member refers the student.
- ⇒ Parent/guardian will receive an email requesting permission to test.

Students identified for GT services (currently identified for services in any area) *may not* be referred.