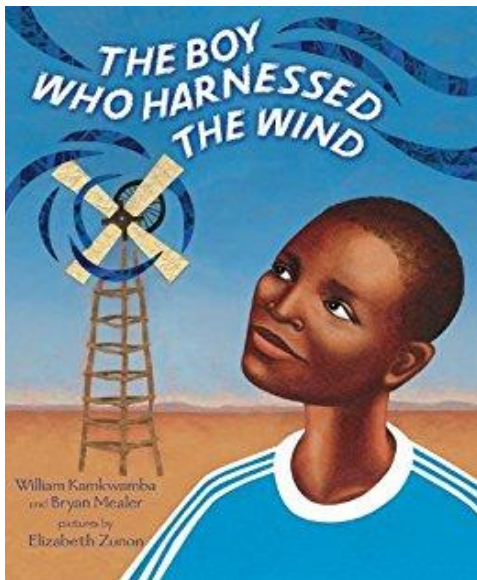


Washburn Elementary

February 2018

February's character trait was perseverance. Each classroom spent time talking about what it means to persevere and discussed examples of perseverance from famous people who overcame obstacles to students who don't give up even when they're trying something new or challenging.

In addition to perseverance, we also highlighted the character traits of independence, ownership, resourcefulness, and engagement.



All School Activity: The 3rd grade team organized February's all-school activity. Each classroom read the book The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind, written by William Kamkwamba and Bryan Mealer with pictures by Elizabeth Zunon. In this text, William retells his experience growing up in Malawi where his community experienced drought and famine. William read books at the local library, gathered recycled materials, and created a homemade wind turbine. The wind turbine created electricity and slowly but surely William's perseverance and creativity changed his community and inspired the world!

Thinking about Perseverance...

1. Think about a time you showed perseverance. What kind of obstacles did you overcome?
2. William Kamkwamba showed perseverance. Who is someone you look up to because of their perseverance?
3. What other character traits help you persevere? What kinds of feelings or experiences make it challenging to persevere?

Check out
William
Kamkwamba's
TED Talk on
youtube:
"How I
Harnessed
the Wind"



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character traits and all school activities!**

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