

Washburn Elementary

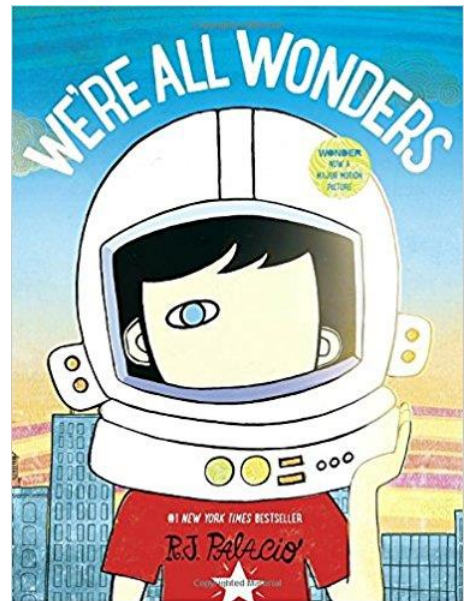
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The character traits for January were empathy, advocacy, and confidence. Although empathy was the character trait for the month of November, we returned to it in January and learned about it through the lens of advocacy.

Advocacy often means taking action on the feeling of empathy - and doing so, takes confidence.

All School Activity: This month, students and staff at Washburn Elementary read We Are All Wonders written and illustrated by R. J. Palacio. The first grade team picked out this picture book, which brings the main character Auggie, and his story from the novel *Wonder*, to a younger audience. This book was also recently released as a major motion picture. As teachers read the story out loud, students closed their eyes to imagine what it feels like when other people stare, whisper, or laugh at you because of the way you look. These quiet moments of empathy and reflection led to powerful discussions about advocacy and confidence as students discussed different ways to show kindness, stand up for others, and make a difference.



More information on February's character traits coming soon!

Perseverance

Independence

Confidence

Ownership

Courage

Bravery