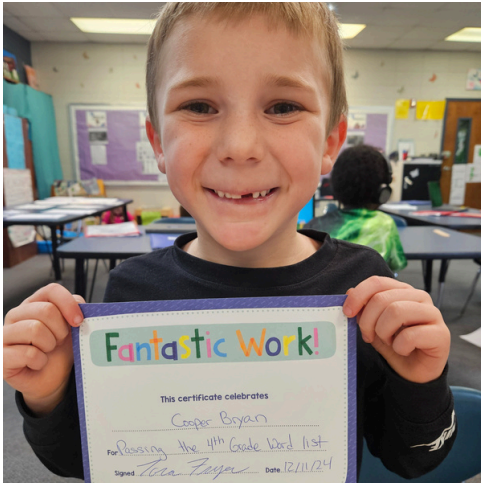


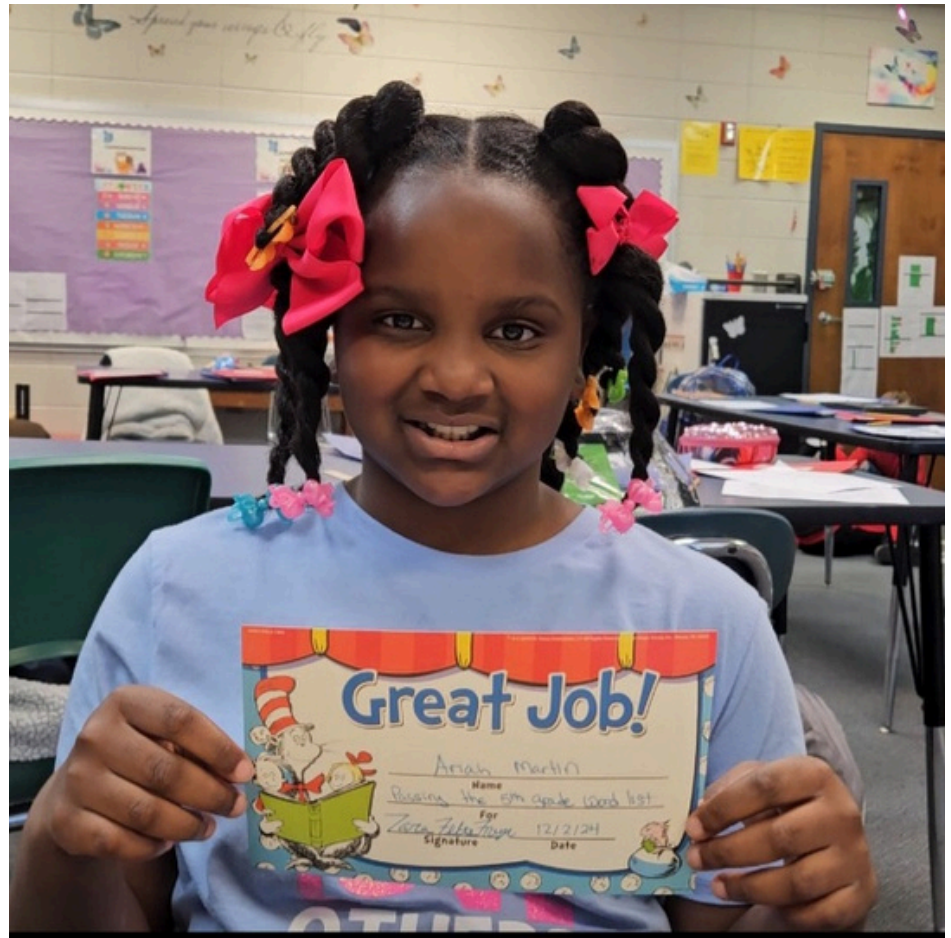
## CHARTING NEW PATHS IN LEARNING

### RACE TO HIGH SCHOOL CHALLENGE



#### Racing to Success

The Race to High School Challenge has been a game-changer for our Quest students, inspiring them to push their reading skills to new heights. Currently, we have a 1st and 2nd grader working on the 6th-grade word list and a 3rd grader tackling the 7th-grade list—an incredible achievement! This challenge, combined with daily practice, has directly contributed to the outstanding results seen in our recent i-Ready diagnostic. According to the data, 57% of students are performing at or above grade level, and an impressive 25% are already early on their next grade level.



#### Students Surpass Grade Levels

This progress reflects the hard work students are putting into vocabulary development and reading fluency. The challenge has sparked healthy competition, motivating students to improve comprehension while mastering higher-level word lists. Remember, the first student to pass the 8th-grade word list will win up to a \$50 prize of their choosing, and there's still plenty of time to join the race! With over half of the class already above grade level, the bar has been set high, but I know our students are ready to meet the challenge. Keep studying those word lists at home and in class—together, we can make this semester even more successful! Please look in your student's folder for the words every week and always return the word list.

# EXPLORING NEW HORIZONS

## ASL LEARNING

We are building on the ASL foundation laid in the first semester, where students learned the alphabet and numbers. This semester, we are moving on to the months of the year, an exciting addition to their growing ASL vocabulary. These skills promote communication and inclusivity, while giving students a fun, hands-on way to learn a new language.

## ELA & RESEARCH

This semester in ELA, students are continuing their work with *The One and Only Ivan*, diving deeper into research on the fair treatment of animals. We will also focus on informational text and vocabulary development, areas identified as needing improvement on the i-Ready diagnostic. Through these activities, students will expand their comprehension skills and learn to analyze nonfiction texts. Final projects will tie together research and writing, encouraging creativity and critical thinking.

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## MATH & LOGIC CHALLENGES

Math continues to be a strong area for Quest students, especially in algebraic thinking, where they excelled in the diagnostic results. This semester, students will focus on telling time to the minute, working with line plots, and tackling logic-based math challenges to sharpen their analytical skills. Mental math will be a key component as students master quick recall of basic operations such as addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division. Advanced students will explore algebraic concepts and above-grade-level math standards to prepare for the next academic year.



## REAL WORLD ADVENTURE

We had so much fun in our recent field trips! The 4th and 5th graders enjoyed watching *A Christmas Story* at the Springer Opera House, while the lower grades were captivated by *School House Rock*. We are excited about our FREE field trip to the High Museum of Art on January 31st, made possible through a grant our school received. This will be a wonderful opportunity for students to explore the world of art and creativity.

## Upcoming Events

- January 20: Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday (No School)
- January 21-31: K-2 Gifted Talent Search Referrals
- January 31: High Museum of Art Field Trip (FREE!) 4th & 5th Grade
- February 10-14: K-2 Gifted Testing (No Quest Class)
- March 3-5: Gifted State Conference (No Quest Class)