

HIGHLIGHTS AT G.T. NORMAN ELEMENTARY
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It is hard to believe that we are almost at the end of April. School will fast be winding down from here on in. There is no doubt in my mind that we have again experienced a great year at G. T. Norman. One of our positive highlights has been the instituting of our character education program in grades K-5. Each month we have a different positive character trait that is emphasized by the staff members. Teachers and staff look very closely to see what students exhibit that positive character trait at school. Those students are then nominated to receive the award and have their name given to the local paper for publishing. Each month we have 60-70 students nominated for the monthly award. What a great testimony to the students of G. T. Norman, their parents and the staff. Keep up the good work and let's continue to work on our character education for the coming year.

Another highlight for the students at G. T. Norman was the Reading Month activities and the tremendous amount of support that was given to the students to read. They read so much that the school totaled 19,500 books in one month's time. Of course the end result of the reading month activities was watching me, the Assistant Principal, have to kiss a pig. This I did not once but three times. I do believe that no student will let me forget that I kissed that pig. On a serious note, I am very proud of the students for getting so involved in the Reading Month activities. We sometimes forget just how important reading is when we look at all the other stuff that kids can do like video games, *etc.* Yet here it is that our kids read over 19,000 books. That is truly amazing. Keep up the reading for the summer-time activities.

I would again like to thank all the students, parents, and staff for making this a great year at G. T. Norman. We all look forward to next year and what will be happening for the better of our children.