

Criteria	Student's First and Last Name	Explain in 3-5 sentences why this student represents this category.
Excellence in Math	Ashima	Ashi is the epitome of a 7th-grade student who goes above and beyond. She is driven, and responsible and challenges herself every day by coming to class prepared and ready to learn. Her positive attitude and caring nature are an asset to her peers. Ashi had a perfect score on the first check-in and grew 18 points, the equivalent of two grade levels, on a recent diagnostic. Our team is so proud of Ashi's diligence and persistence in her pursuit of academic excellence.
Excellence in Reading	Hayden	Hayden has been working very hard this year and it shows. Having reached an ambitious goal of growing more than 30 points on a recent diagnostic, she continues to come to her 6th-grade classes prepared, ready to work, and with a positive attitude. Despite being a very quiet student, she is someone others can rely on and look to as a model student.
Excellence in Writing	Jana	Jana has been working hard all year to become a strong writer. She uses expression in her writing and her stories to grab your attention. Jana knows how to use voice when she reads. Jana has also worked on being a great editor and checking over her 2nd-grade work.
Excellence in Social Studies	Josely	Josely has demonstrated outstanding behavior and genuine interest in the Kindergarten Social Studies enrichment class and in the creation of her History Makers Yearbook. Her ability to use historical vocabulary makes her a standout student of history.
Shows Respect	McKay	McKay is a wonderful example of respect! She shows this to her 5th-grade teachers and peers. McKay respects the opinions of her classmates, supports group members, and gives kind, encouraging words. McKay also has a great attitude and is always willing to try new things.
Shows Responsibility	Colin	Colin is constantly showing kindness and self-control. He is always willing to help others and shows every P2 trait that we've covered. He always completes his 3rd-grade work on time and tries his hardest in everything he does. He builds up other students and creates a positive classroom family dynamic.
Shows Resilience	Aidan	Aidan had to deal with an injury in the middle of 1st semester which required surgery and prolonged absence. However, he never used this as an excuse to "take it easy" with his 8th-grade class work. He came back with all of his missing assignments completed and an attitude in which he was ready to learn! He managed to maintain all A's throughout quarter 1 and quarter 2!
Excellence in	Weston	Weston is emotionally and socially mature. He always looks out for his classmates- close

Relationships		friends or not. He makes sure they are okay after a tough game at recess, or if they're frustrated in his 4th-grade classes. He sees the good in people and takes the time to compliment people's good deeds. Weston will help anyone in need. He is a role model friend!
Excellence in Art	Harper	Harper is a very talented 7th-grade artist who excels in many different artistic mediums. She is dedicated to perfecting her style and always impresses her peers and teachers with her art. Harper is always up for the challenge of trying new things, creative problem-solving and looking for ways to expand her artistic knowledge. Through her art, she embraces and expresses the character traits of creativity, perseverance, open-mindedness, and curiosity.
Excellence in Music	Olive	Olive is a wonderful musician. She has a wonderful voice for solo and ensemble singing and stood out in the fall musical of Annie Jr. as the "star to be". Olive is also one of the top middle school musicians in central North Carolina. She placed in the top 30 percent of flutes in the central district!
Excellence in Drama	Katherine	Katherine, in 8th grade, took on a major role in our middle school musical by playing "Annie" and did an amazing job. She was prepared with all of her lines, blocking, and music well learned. She always has a good attitude and tries her best on and off stage. She will continue to "shine" in whatever role she is cast in!
Excellence in STEAM	Jett	If I told you that one of my students made a working model of a mechanical arm out of cardboard you would likely be impressed. Well... what if I told you that the student was a kindergartener, and they did it 100% independently during a "free create" day? Yeah, Jett did an amazing job, and I am so excited to see what is next for this amazing young man.
Excellence in Athletics	Andrew	Andrew is a model student-athlete who shows leadership, sportsmanship, and excellence on and off the court. He provides his teammates and peers with the support and encouragement needed to be successful. Andrew has contributed countless efforts to the success of this year's basketball program while maintaining high academic performance and respect for his 8th-grade teachers and coaches.
Excellence in Service	Mackenzie	7th grade student, Mackenzie, has earned more than 50 hours in the first semester giving back to ECS and the greater Wake Forest community. She embodies the true meaning of service in that she does not give back because she is required to complete hours, but instead believes in helping those in need to help the greater good.
Excellence in Science	Jane	First grade is working on the Earth's Surfaces right now. Jane has been an active participant in all discussions. When we began talking about the types of rocks and how they form, Jane brought in examples for the class to see and pass around. She was very excited to share what she had and share what she knows with her classmates. This truly has had the class engaged and excited!