

# Kids with Character

This recognition showcases students who have made a difference by accepting responsibility, showing kindness, valuing others' concerns and helping resolve conflicts and honoring their commitments.



**Kamia**

Kamia Pilson, 10, was nominated by her Ely Elementary School teacher, Melanie Young, as a Chronicle-Telegram Kid With Character for being a kind, responsible student who's always on task and ready to learn in class.

Kamia can always be counted on, Young said, because she's so responsible. But she doesn't let that responsibility get the best of her — when she's in charge of group discussions, she's a good leader who always listens to other students' ideas and opinions.

"She is kind and polite and has concern for others' feelings," Young said.

She shares her talents in particular during guided math sessions, in which she tutors her peers on multiplication.

Kamia's kind and outgoing nature led her to be particularly helpful to a new student this school year. She was the first kid to make friends with him, taking the initiative to help him navigate his new school. She's helped him find books at the library and make new friends. Not only that, she also made sure to include him in the activities she did at recess, too.

"She's just taken him under her wing," Young said of the fifth-grader. "Kamia is always willing to help others and does it with a smile on her face."

Kamia's drive to be helpful at school may come from her home life, where she helps to take care of her younger sister, Kamara, and babysits the children of her mother's friend.

"I think it's just something insider of her — intrinsic," Young said. "She's highly motivated to do her best."

Besides babysitting, Kamia keeps busy outside the classroom by participating in a youth group, and she looks forward to playing basketball in the future.

Kamia's mother is Raqia Reese. Besides Kamara, she has two other siblings: Khire and Kajun.



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