Marco Barajas

Grade: 5

School: Heritage Elementary School,
Tulare City Elementary School District

Pillar: Caring

Comment: Heritage staff say, “Marco consistently demonstrates the Pillar of Caring through his thoughtfulness and genuine concern for others. He has a remarkable ability to recognize the needs of others, often offering help before being asked. Whether it’s assisting a classmate struggling with a difficult problem, sharing his supplies with someone who can’t find theirs, or offering kind words of encouragement when someone is feeling upset, Marco prioritizes the well-being of others. He helps to create a positive and inclusive environment where everyone feels valued and supported. Marco shows empathy and understanding far beyond his age. He listens attentively to his friends and classmates and offers sincere encouragement. He notices when someone is feeling left out and makes a point to include them. Marco’s selfless behavior and genuine concern for others make him a shining example of caring in our school community.”

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