Character Trait Feb 13\textsuperscript{th} – 17\textsuperscript{th} is Diligence  
Proverbs 11:3, “The integrity of the upright guides them”

**Character:** the qualities built into an individual's life that determine their responses, regardless of circumstances.

**Diligence:** Focusing all of my energy to complete the tasks assigned to me.

**Derivation:** di•li•gence n 1: steady application of effort to accomplish a task 2: exerting oneself to fulfill what is undertaken without unnecessary delay 3: acting with great care and effort

**Weekly Verse:** Proverbs 12:24 “Diligent hands will rule, but laziness ends in forced labor.”

**Bible Story:** Genesis 6:9-22 describes Noah building the Ark, a process that may have taken decades.

**Quote:** “Time is what we want the most, but what we use worst.”

**Application:** Diligence is the decision to use our energy and time in the best way possible. To practice diligence, I will:

- Finish my projects.
- Do the job right the first time.
- Follow instructions.
- Concentrate on my work.
- Avoid laziness.

**Discussion Questions:**
1. Look at the list of 5 topics above. Which one is the hardest for you to achieve?
2. Can you tell the story of a famous person who showed diligence?