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February is Black History Month, and at Phelps, we took the opportunity to talk about this subject with our elementary students during our literacy lesson on Tuesday. In Quebec, we are also heading towards Hooked on School week, when the importance of perseverance is showcased. In a small rural community, Black History Month is an opportunity to learn about a different culture. By discussing historical topics such as slavery and the underground railroad, students realize the full extent of the meaning and importance of perseverance. Phelps' literacy lesson this week, with the help of a book called Henry's Freedom Box, challenged stu-

dents to think about the realities of a different time in history. Our students talked about hope, courage and family, noting the importance of freedom.

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