

January Staff Development News

A newsletter for the Seward Staff by Dr. Dominy

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A note from Matt

Thank you so much for your dedication and engagement as a staff member. Your focus on what is best for our students is truly commendable. As we embrace the start of a new year, I am grateful for the opportunities and new beginnings it brings. Your collaboration, interactions, and positive attitude have made a significant impact on our school community. Thank you for all that you do!



I deeply appreciate your commitment to our students and your proactive approach to creating a supportive learning environment. Your willingness to go above and beyond for the well-being and success of our students does not go unnoticed. Your collaborative spirit has contributed to a positive and inclusive atmosphere, fostering a sense of belonging for both students and staff. Your dedication to fostering a culture of growth and encouragement is truly invaluable. It is through your efforts and positive mindset that we are able to create an environment where students can thrive and excel. Thank you for your support and for always keeping the best interests of our students at the forefront. Here's to a year filled with continued collaboration, growth, and positivity.

One Word- by Jon Gordon

9 out of 10 people will fail with their resolutions.
50% of resolution makers will fail by the end of January.
But *One Word* sticks!

That's why 13 years I ago I stopped making New Year's resolutions and started picking One Word for the upcoming year. No resolutions, no goals... just One Word that gives meaning, mission, passion and purpose. One Word that will help me be my best.

My friends Dan Britton and Jimmy Page have been doing this for over 20 years. They told me how every New Year's Eve they gathered with their children, and each came up with a word. Then they made paintings of their words that hung in their houses to remind them to live their word for the year.

I was inspired and started doing it with my family and shared it with everyone.

My words over the years have been PURPOSE, SURRENDER, SERVE, PRAY, RISE, FORGIVE, STILL, CONNECTED, EXPAND, HEART, ABIDE, POWER and WHOLE.

Each word has molded and shaped me to become a better person, father, husband, writer, communicator and leader. Looking back, I know my One Word chose me more often than I chose it.

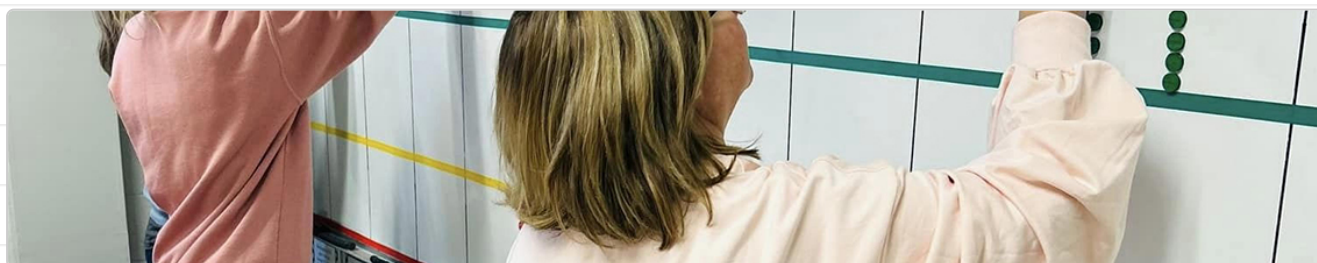
Dan, Jimmy and I wrote a book *One Word that Will Change Your Life* a few years ago and we've heard incredible stories of impact from countless people, schools, sports teams and companies that have discovered the power of One Word. Several college teams put their One Words on their lockers and practice shirts. NFL and NBA teams chose their words for the season and talked about them before games. Schools made t-shirts with all their teacher's One Words. Hendrick BMW even made a One Word car!

This is a great exercise to do with your kids and students too, which is why we also wrote [One Word for Kids](#).

And now we also have a *One Word Journal* to help you harness the power of your One Word with intention each week.

You may not have any idea what your word is yet. That's okay. We have some time to figure it out. As part of this process, I want to invite you to join me and thousands of people who will choose a word for the year in 2024.

A MTSS Success Story



Daviess County honing in on Kentucky's Multi-Tiered System of Supports

Staff in Daviess County have been working on implementing a multi-tiered system of supports (MTSS) for the last three years. Submitted photo Editor's note: This story is part of a series on Kentucky's Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS) and

Artificial Intelligence Trends in Education



7 Artificial Intelligence Trends That Could Reshape Education in 2024

The revolutionary role of AI in education has a major impact on teaching and learning. Here's what to watch next year.

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Patriotic Holidays

Nebraska Revised Statute 79-724 requires the following:

Appropriate patriotic exercises suitable to the occasion shall be held under the direction of the superintendent in every public, private, denominational, and parochial school on George Washington's birthday, Abraham Lincoln's birthday, **Dr. Martin Luther King Jr's birthday**, Native American Heritage Day, Constitution Day, Memorial Day, Veterans Day, and Thanksgiving Day, or on the day or week preceding or following such holiday, if the school is in session.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday is January 15th.



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