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Mr. Bell,

I want to thank you for the two presentations that I saw you present. I saw your presentation at the Central Region Office in Houston in June 2009 and then I saw you again at Thompson Elementary in fall 2009. I work at Cullen Middle School in Houston, Texas. I teach the Behavior Support Class and my 8th graders passed the Reading part of the TAKS test. Yes 100% of my 8th graders passed. I said to myself, "Will this really work?" I tried it when I got back to my campus and went over the 12 powerful words everyday. I would have my students spell the words, write the definitions, and recite the word and definitions out loud. My students would be taking a practice test in class and when they saw the word on the practice test they would draw a line through it and put the 12 powerful words.

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Bend but don't break because nothing beats a failure but a trier