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This week in class, we're reading "[The Scholarship Jacket](#)" by Marta Salinas.

"The Scholarship Jacket" is one of the best-known stories by Mexican-American author Marta Salinas. It describes a difficult situation that Marta, a Mexican-American girl from Texas, is faced with. Marta is a straight-A student who has earned the scholarship jacket, but her financial situation – and an unjust school leader – may prevent her from receiving her reward.

As we read, we will be discussing the themes of [Justice, Freedom & Equality](#), [Power & Greed](#), and [Prejudice & Discrimination](#) as they relate to the text. We are trying to answer these big questions :

"What is fair?", "Does money buy happiness?", and "How does prejudice emerge?"

Ways to support your child:

- Ask your child about this short story at home:
 - What was "[The Scholarship Jacket](#)" About
 - What did you learn about? About [Power & Greed](#)? About [Prejudice & Discrimination](#)?
- Watch the following clips with your child at home:
 - '[Prejudice & Discrimination: Crash Course Psychology #39](#) '
 - '[Spanish and Mexican Colonial Influence on Texas](#) '

