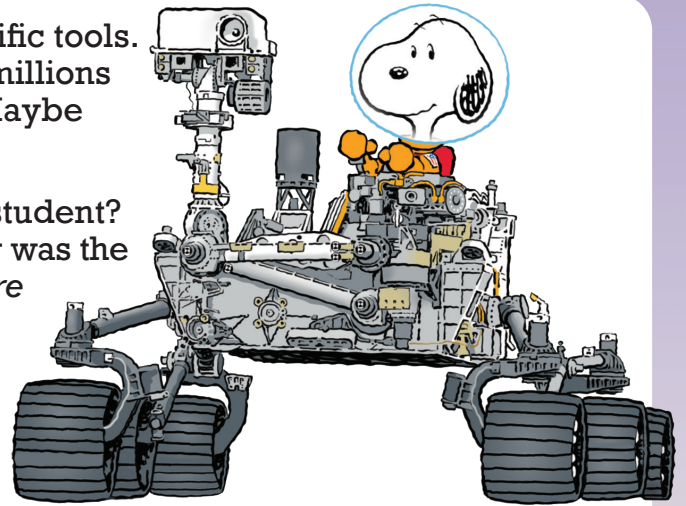


# Mission to Mars

The Perseverance rover has lots of valuable scientific tools. It is also carrying something else — the names of millions of people! Even Snoopy has gotten in on the fun! Maybe someday he'll make the trip to Mars himself.

Did you know that Perseverance was named by a student? NASA held a naming contest, and a seventh-grader was the winner! He picked Perseverance because *persevere* means to keep trying, even when it's hard. Do you remember a time when you persevered to do something hard? Maybe it was when you were learning to whistle, or maybe the first time you finished a thick book.



Get “mission ready” by describing a time when you have persevered. Write or draw a picture about what happened below. Then share your story with your classmates.

**Families:** What do you and a Mars rover have in common? Perseverance! Talk with your children about how you have persevered through difficult situations as a family, and how that has made you stronger. Then, learn more about Perseverance’s mission by visiting <https://mars.nasa.gov/mars2020/>.