

PERSEVERANCE

THIRD GRADE

Objective:

To use literature in teaching students determination.
To show students that continued effort to do or achieve something despite difficulties, failure or opposition results in success.

Materials : *Stand Tall Molly Lou Melon* by Patty Lovell
Perseverance poster

Activity:

1) Introduce yourself to the class and explain that you are the Panther Pride Reader for Perseverance.

2) Ask: What is perseverance? Children brainstorm definitions. Share poster and discuss.

Being persistent in pursuit of worthy objectives in spite of difficulty, opposition, or discouragement. Exhibiting patience and having the fortitude to try again when confronted with delays, mistakes, or failures.

- never give up
- persistent determination
- continuing or repeating behavior
- refusing to stop
- continued effort to do or achieve something despite difficulties, failure or opposition

3) Introduce book: : *Stand Tall Molly Lou Melon* by Patty Lovell

Ask children what they think this book will be about. Ask them to look at the cover and make a prediction about what will happen in the story.

4) Read book aloud.

5) Ask the class: What happened when Molly had to switch schools?

The students in the new school were not nice to her, but she made them laugh or smile

6) Who in the story showed perseverance? How do you know?

Molly Lou Melon. She did what her Grandma told her to do and was able to stand up for herself even when others were being mean to her

Evaluation:

7) Ask students to share times that they've struggled but kept trying and eventually succeeded.

ASCA National Standards

- A:A1.1 Articulate feelings of competence and confidence as learners.
- A.A1.2 Display a positive interest in learning
- A.A1.3 Take pride in work and achievement
- A:A1.5 Identify attitudes and behaviors that lead to successful learning
- A.A2.2 Demonstrate how effort and persistence positively affect learning
- A.A2.4 Apply knowledge and learning styles to positively influence school performance.
- A.B1.1 Demonstrate the motivation to achieve individual potential
- C:A2.7 Develop a positive attitude toward work and learning