

PERSEVERANCE FIFTH 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 *Souperchicken* by Mary Jane and Herm Auch
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 *Souperchicken* by Mary Jane and Herm Auch

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:

Why did Henrietta chase after her family? they were going to be made into soup

What skills helped Henrietta figure out what the problem was? she was able to read

How did she know the family would be safe in the house? they are vegetarian

6) Who in the story showed perseverance? How do you know? Henrietta, She worked hard to help save her family even when it seemed impossible

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