

PERSEVERANCE FIRST 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: *The Art Lesson* by Tomie dePaola
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: *Wilma Jean the Worry Machine* by Julia Cook

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 is Tommy's favorite thing to do?

draw pictures

6) Why couldn't Tommy wait to go to kindergarten?

to start art lessons

7) How did Tommy's family feel about his artwork?

they liked it, they put it in their store, and in special frames in their house

8) Why was Tommy upset when his teacher told him to copy?

he was told real artists don't copy

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

- Tommy, he kept drawing pictures. On the last page there is a grown up drawing and it says “And he still does.” That tells us that he stuck with it and did become an artist)

Evaluation:

10) 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