



# RESOURCEFULNESS

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## DAY 1

Good morning and welcome to *The Principal's Principles*. **RESOURCEFULNESS** means to act effectively or imaginatively to resolve problems or accomplish a goal. For example, if you are riding your bike when the pedal falls off, use your shoestring to hold it on until you get home. When you are baking cookies and you don't have enough butter, substitute applesauce instead. Resourcefulness is a great skill to develop and will help you overcome many challenges. Make it a magnificent day!

## DAY 2

Good morning and welcome to *The Principal's Principles*. **RESOURCEFUL** people use whatever is available to solve unexpected challenges. Resourcefulness requires imagination and creativity. Suppose you decided to build a fort, but you did not have any wood or nails. By using your imagination and creativity, you could turn your closet, an empty refrigerator box, or a table covered with blankets into a wonderful fort. Use your own imagination and cleverness to think of different ways to build a fort or any other fun idea you would like to accomplish. The secret is to look around and figure out how to use available materials to reach your goal. Make it a terrific day!

## DAY 3

Good morning and welcome to *The Principal's Principles*. The key to being **RESOURCEFUL** is to focus on solutions rather than problems. Imagine a problem as a huge boulder blocking your path. How will you get around it? You could climb over it, dig under it, walk around it, blast through it, or try to move it out of the way. Whatever you decide, don't let the boulder (or problem) keep you from reaching your goal. When one way is blocked, find a different way to get around it or think of a new approach. Be resourceful! Make it a wonderful day!

## DAY 4

Good morning and welcome to *The Principal's Principles*. A young boy wanted a new bike, but he did not have enough money to buy it. He used his **RESOURCEFULNESS** to figure out ways to earn the money he needed. He baked cookies and sold them along with Kool-Aid popsicles in his neighborhood. On Saturdays, he washed cars for his neighbors. He learned how to bathe and groom dogs, and his parents paid him for doing extra jobs around the house. It took a long time, but he finally earned enough money to buy his bike. Resourcefulness can help YOU find a way to accomplish your goals. Make it a tremendous day!

## DAY 5

Good morning and welcome to *The Principal's Principles*. "*Ingenuity*" is another word for **RESOURCEFULNESS**. It means to use creativity to invent new ways to accomplish a task. George Patton, an army general in World War II said, "**Never tell people how to do things. Tell them what to do and they will surprise you with their ingenuity.**" Keep using your creativity and ingenuity to resolve problems and reach your goals! Make it a fabulous day!