



# PERSEVERANCE

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## DAY 1

Good morning and welcome to *The Principal's Principles*. **PERSEVERANCE** means continuing to try to overcome obstacles rather than giving up. Imagine something difficult that you would like to accomplish as a big mountain that you have to climb over. If you get discouraged and stop trying, you will just sit at the bottom and never get anywhere! Be like "The Little Engine that Could" who kept trying, even when the task seemed impossible. By continuing to push slowly up the hill, the little engine finally reached the top. Keep trying to climb and you will reach your goals! Make it a magnificent day!

## DAY 2

Good morning and welcome to *The Principal's Principles*. A chick hatching out of an egg can teach us about **PERSEVERANCE**. When a baby chick is ready to be born, it pecks at the shell from the inside. It takes a lot of time and energy for the chick to make enough little cracks so that it can break free of its shell. The effort helps strengthen the baby chick. If someone tries to help by breaking the egg away from the outside, the chick does not develop the strength it needs to survive. It may not be able to stand up or lift its head, and may die. When you struggle and work hard to overcome challenges, you get stronger. Make it a terrific day!

## DAY 3

Good morning and welcome to *The Principal's Principles*. **PERSEVERANCE** means not getting distracted from your goal. A little boy started working on his homework right after school and planned to finish it by five o'clock. While he was working, he got hungry, so he got up to make cookies. Just when the batter was ready to bake, the phone rang. His friend invited him to play ball, so the boy headed out the door. He didn't finish his homework OR the cookies! Remember this important secret to success -- when you make a plan, stick with it until it is completed. Make it a wonderful day!

## DAY 4

Good morning and welcome to *The Principal's Principles*. **PERSEVERANCE** means refusing to quit, especially when a task seems overwhelming. Even though you are small right now, you can work and learn and achieve great things. Don't let a difficult challenge stop you from reaching your goals. If you try and fail -- try again, and again, and again. Remember that failure is a part of learning. **You only truly fail if you quit trying.** Don't give up! Make it a tremendous day!

## DAY 5

Good morning and welcome to *The Principal's Principles*. Do you like to run? **PERSEVERANCE** is sometimes like running a long race. You start out strong and run fast for a while, and then start slowing down as you get tired. If it gets really hard, you might even think about stopping, but keep going. When you continue the race, you are persevering. If you get tired, slow down a little, but keep moving forward. Take one step after the other and you will cross the finish line. Make it a fabulous day!