



## LEADER LINKS

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### ***About the LEADER LINKS...***

The Leader Link is a weekly message delivered via email to support character development, good citizenship and social responsibility. The Leader Links address the same character traits that our students focus on throughout the week. Each Leader Link provides a simple definition, an inspiring quotation, a thought provoking question and an action prompt to encourage you, your friends, associates or group to consciously incorporate each quality into daily living.

## PERSEVERENCE

### **Definition:**

**PERSEVERANCE is steady persistence in adhering to a course of action, a belief, or a purpose.** A person who perseveres remains steadfast and constant. Help develop a common vocabulary by communicating the meaning of PERSEVERANCE through your daily actions.

### **Leader's Message:**

Winston Churchill once delivered an address to the graduating class at Oxford University. The entire speech consisted of three words: "Never give up!" That was it. Just like that group of people from the prestigious university, your greatest task in life is to never give up! Persevere and you will succeed.

### **Food for thought:**

Think about this quote by a famous little train: "*I think I can, I think I can.*" And with that mantra, that little train got up the hill. Consider what this message means to you. Do you agree with it or not?

### **Action Prompt:**

**Remember your Life's umbrella!** When it rains, you grab an umbrella. That umbrella is an example of your willingness to persevere against bad weather. Patience, open-mindedness and courage are just some "umbrellas" that will help you show perseverance when life gets challenging. It would be easy to stay under the covers when the weather is bad outside, but that is not always an option. Hiding from a difficult task, projects or even people are not options either. Go in your mental closet of tools to help you persevere when you want to give up. And if one tool doesn't work, then try another!