

PERSEVERANCE - FIFTH GRADE

Book and Lesson will be together in the media center. Materials are in the cabinet immediately to your left when you enter the media center.

Materials:

Souperchicken by Mary Jane and Herm Auch
Perseverance poster

Activity:

Lead discussion with students: What is perseverance?

- never give up
- persistent determination
- continuing or repeating behavior
- refusing to stop
- continued effort to do or achieve something despite difficulties, failure or opposition

Display definition on the poster and read aloud

Introduce book entitled *Souperchicken*. Look at the cover of the book. Ask students to make a prediction. What will this book be about?

Read book, stopping periodically to discuss.

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)

Questions:

Who in the story showed perseverance? (Henrietta)

How do you know? (She worked hard to help save her family even when it seemed impossible)

Ask students to share times that they've struggled but kept trying and eventually succeeded.