

PERSEVERANCE - SECOND 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:

Paper Lanterns by Stefan Czernecki

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 *Paper Lanterns* by Stefan Czernecki. 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.

What was Little Mouse's job? (to sweep the shop)

What did he want to do? (he wanted to become a lantern maker)

What did Little Mouse learn as he would sweep? (how to make lanterns)

Questions:

Who in the story showed perseverance? (Little Mouse)

How do you know? (He would go home a practice making lanterns so he could become a lantern maker, he would listen carefully and take his time, he was able to make a lantern for the festival and impressed the apprentices)

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