

PERSEVERANCE - THIRD 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:

Stand Tall Molly Lou Melon by Patty Lovell

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 *Stand Tall Molly Lou Melon* by Patty Lovell. 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 happened when Molly had to switch schools? (the students in the new school were not nice to her, but she made them laugh or smile)

Questions:

Who in the story showed perseverance? (Molly Lou Melon)

How do you know? (She did what her Grandma told her to do and was able to stand up for herself even when others were being mean to her)

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