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Resource Organization Chart

Perseverance- 3rd Grade

Resource	Medium	Annotation/Rationale	Resource Limitations/Comments
Williams, Mary (2005). <i>Brothers in hope: The story of the lost boys of Sudan</i> . New York: Lee & Low Books.	Picture Book	Every spread has depicts struggle that the boys overcome. Though the characters are roughly the students' ages, they are dealing with extreme circumstances and surviving.	Very long, will have to be 2-3 read-alouds. Possibly the after-recess book- but then, how to deal with showing pictures? Will need to give background on country/war.
Kraus, Robert (1971). <i>Leo the late bloomer</i> . New York: Young Readers Press Inc.	Picture Book	Message: Perseverance takes time, you meet success on YOUR schedule. Will do in conjunction with a quick write or another reader response that allows students to reflect on something they have already accomplished.	Message is strong, but is text too "babyish" for 3 rd grade? Doesn't really show Leo persevering- more just the before and after. Considering using in conjunction with <i>Herman the Helper</i> (depends on time).
Polacco, P. (1998). <i>Thank you, Mr. Falker</i> . New York: Philomel Books.	Picture Book	Message: Perseverance takes time, but does not always have to be done on your own. Even if your goal is personal, others can help.	
Mortensen, L., & Jaekel, S. M. (2008). <i>Marie Curie: Prize-winning scientist</i> . Minneapolis, Minn: Picture Window Books.	Picture Book	Description of Marie Curie's life and work, in an age-appropriate format. Multiple spreads great for pausing to discuss perseverance, especially the lengthy time aspect of it.	
Steele, P. (2006). <i>Marie Curie: The woman who changed the course of science</i> . London [England: New Burlington Books.	Picture Book	More details on Marie Curie's life, with great pictures and quotes from her journals.	Will not use as read-aloud (too long), but will have in classroom for students to look through.
Hoffman, Mary and Binch, Caroline (1991). <i>Amazing Grace</i> . New York: Dial Books for Young Readers	Picture Book	Message: Persevering when the issue at hand is important to you, regardless of what others say. Possible segue book to civil rights issue, as there is a racist comment made by a character in this book. Also shows how family can support you in your perseverance and give you the "pick up" you need.	Connection needs to be made between this and Jackie Robinson presentation.
Rao, S., & Goveas, R. (1997). <i>The story of 15th August 1947</i> . Chennai: Tulika Publishers.	Picture Book	Presentation of India's quest for perseverance throughout generations and description of its culmination in 1947.	Still in the mail.
Shjuan Fisher	Live Person	Wanted to bring someone in Middle School who was in Ms. Arafin's class and persevered through third grade/PSSAs and constructed responses.	Always a risk when someone else gets in front of the class- can/should I ask for presentation notes beforehand? Will also need to explicitly instruct my students on how to treat a guest

			speaker- give them something to listen for (how he/she persevered)?
Tolstoy, Aleksei & Sharkey, Niamah (1998). <i>The gigantic turnip</i> . New York: Barefoot Beginners.	Picture Book	Message: Sometimes one needs help to persevere and/or a switch of tactics.	Too babyish?
The Script, <i>Hall of Fame</i> , Available: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mk48xRzuNvA	Song (Youtube)	Popular song with an inspirational message.	Show music video too? Very inspirational, but too violent?
Good Resources, but no space in unit			
Chumbawamba, Tubthumping (I Get Knocked Down). Available: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LODkVkpaVQA (8 sec-27 sec)	Song	The refrain of this song ("I get knocked down, but I get up again. You're never going to keep me down") seems to fit right in with persevering, especially when people say you can't. I am hoping it will be a theme song for the unit. I will play the youtube (predownloaded) version I have included here so students can read the lyrics as they listen.	I don't want to play the whole song because the rest seems irrelevant. Possible connection to "pump up" music- music that inspires us to keep going when we are discouraged.
Christina Aguilera, Fighter. Available: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RB0JplwF47Y (1:00-1:22).	Song	Same as above, will only play refrain about the singer becoming stronger, working harder, etc in the face of despair. Possible Week 2 theme song?	I don't want to play the whole song because the rest seems irrelevant (about a breakup) Possible connection to "pump up" music- music that inspires us to keep going when we are discouraged.
Medlicott, Mary (1995). <i>Tales from Africa</i> . New York: Kingfisher	Picture Book	Little Brother- story about how littler brother overcame problem with his big brother and saved his village from illness	Too much of a stretch?
Bacon, Ron (1999). <i>The droughtmaker</i> . Crystal Lake: Shortland Publications, Inc.	Picture Book	Creation myth re drought. Message of perseverance- all the animals try to make frog laugh. They work together, switch strategies and finally one works.	Too much of a stretch?
Souci, Robert (1998). <i>A weave of words</i> . New York: Scholastic	Picture Book- Folktale	Message: People need to have a reason for persevering (i.e. main character wanted to learn how to read and write so the weaver's daughter would marry him). This also fulfills a Common Core requirement of dealing with folktales. Finally, it is an Armenian story and I think it is important to routinely include literature from other cultures.	A bit of a stretch to perseverance. Couldn't find in nearby libraries/bookstores/Amazon.

Kraus, R., Aruego, J., & Dewey, A. (1973). <i>Herman the helper</i> . New York: Windmill Books.	Picture book	Message about trying and letting others help.	Use with <i>Leo the Late Bloomer</i> if time in that lesson.
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