Unit Topic: Perseverance Grade Level: Third

Stage 1- Desired Results

Content Standard/Established Goals:

- Demonstrate understand of key ideas and details in literature (CC.1.3)
- Solve problems involving the four operations and identify (CCRS.3.OA.8)
- Develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, and editing (CC 1.4)
- Students present appropriately in formal speaking situations, listen critically, and respond intelligently as individuals or in group discussions (CC 1.5)

Understandings

Students will understand that:

- Mastering anything requires perseverance
- There are many of instances of individual and collective perseverance throughout history and literature.
- There are quantitative measures that can help track one's progress towards a goal.

Essential Questions:

- What goals do students have and what steps can they take to meet them?
- Why persevere? What's the point?
- What are good tactics to employ to aid with perseverance?

Student Objectives/Outcomes

Students will know...

- At least two examples of historical and literary characters who persevered through a challenge, big or small
- Perseverance vocabulary terms (persevere, goal, progress)

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Students will be able to...

- Write goals and track their progress towards meeting them
- Identify perseverance (and lack thereof) in literature, history and their own lives

Stage 2- Assessment Evidence

Performance Tasks:

- On day 1, students will write at least two goals for themselves. Daily (?) throughout unit, students will journal how they are working towards meeting that goal.
- Students will produce stories during writers' workshop that involve characters (memoirs or fictional) who persevere
- Students will produce graphs that track their PSSA constructed response score progress throughout the semester

Other Evidence:

- Oral and written responses to the EQs
- Entries in Quick Write books during read alouds that describe a figure's perseverance
- Free response test after one of the historical presentations?
- Students will solve word problems related to persevering with saving money

Stage 3- Learning Plan

Learning Activities: