

# Read with Perseverance!

This project builds off of Lesson 2 in the Integrity Unit. This is a bulletin board that reminds students that they need to persevere in order to reach a goal. The ladder symbolizes the ladders they climbed in the Slides and Ladders game in Lesson 2; it also represents natural forward and upward progression, which is important for reaching goals.

## Integrity Sub-Concept(s)

Perseverance, Kindness

## Project Timeframe

25-30 minutes

## Required Materials

- ❑ Student Conference Sheet: [https://teachables.scholastic.com/content/dam/scholastic/teachables/products/12/9780439241212\\_023/9780439241212\\_023.pdf](https://teachables.scholastic.com/content/dam/scholastic/teachables/products/12/9780439241212_023/9780439241212_023.pdf)
- ❑ *Read with Perseverance!* goal sheet (see below)
- ❑ Construction paper to create two long legs of a ladder and construction paper to create corresponding “rungs” for the ladder, one per student.
- ❑ Students will put their name and goal on their rung before adding it to the ladder legs.

Teachers prepare students by helping them evaluate their current reading ability. Identify something they want to improve that relates to their goal, such as gaining more sight words, increasing fluency, going up a level, etc., and brainstorm a realistic, personal goal related to their reading fluency. Create the goal (or write down the existing goal) with each child and then track their progress as a whole class using the ladder bulletin board. This correlates with the reading goals teachers are required to have on each student, so it is a fun way that teachers can be extra conscious of what they have to work on with their students while also giving students ownership of their own learning and progress.

## Project Details:

Use whatever individual student conference sheet you want to meet with students and help them identify personal reading goals. A free download from Scholastic has been provided with this lesson (see the Materials section). Once you have helped students identify their goal areas, have each one complete a *Read with Perseverance!* goal sheet. Tell students that you will be having them track their progress using a goal sheet. Once they have met their goal, they get their own ladder rung. Students should put their name and the goal they met on the rung and then add their rung to the ladder. Once everyone has his or her rung on the ladder, you will celebrate as a class! Maybe they get an extra recess or free reading time with a special treat or popcorn and a movie! It is important to celebrate perseverance, especially when it leads to reaching a goal.

The board could be designed something like this (with an inspirational quote about perseverance on the side):

<https://i.pinimg.com/736x/1a/de/fc/1adefc416d51360d714cb586a8e2093b--counseling-bulletin-boards-kindergarten-graduation.jpg>

## Extension Ideas:

- Have students discuss progress on goals during morning meeting so other students know who to encourage throughout the week.
- Discuss the “chutes” that students encounter that hinder them from making progress on their goals.



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# Read with Perseverance! Goal Sheet

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

My Personal Reading Goal:

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I Will Reach My Goal By Doing These Three Things:

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| 1 | 2 | 3 |
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I Will Reach My Goal by this Date: \_\_\_\_\_