



PERSEVERANCE

What It Means

Children with perseverance keep working at a task to complete it. They do not give up even though it is challenging.

Why It Is Important

Children who have perseverance are not easily discouraged from learning. With continual effort, they can acquire knowledge and perfect their skills. This helps them to progress or excel in their learning.

How It Is Nurtured

a) Designing meaningful learning experiences

Teachers can nurture this disposition by providing opportunities for children to:

- engage in activities that require some effort to complete
- experience success by setting small, achievable goals if the activity is challenging
- review their progress towards achieving their goal
- encourage one another when they are faced with a challenge
- read stories and/or listen to songs about characters who overcome challenges through perseverance

b) Modelling through appropriate behaviour and language

Teachers can encourage this disposition by:

- listening to children talk about their challenges and encouraging them
- celebrating the efforts and not just the achievement of the child



- using language such as:
 - *"I can see that you're having some difficulty with... Would you like to try doing it again?"*
 - *"I know you can do it!"*
 - *"With more effort, you can do it well."*

What It Looks Like

Children who have perseverance may exhibit the following behaviours:

- They revisit an activity when they do not succeed in doing it the first time.
- They seek help or advice from peers or teachers in their attempts to complete a challenging activity.
- They express encouraging words about their own and others' efforts.
- They press on with their efforts and do not give up easily.