

<b>Skill Area(s):</b> Stress/Behavior
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## Never Give Up

**Level:** Beginner, intermediate

**Goal:** Students learn and apply the principles of perseverance and goal setting

**Materials needed:** Book: Never Give Up by Regina Burch, Character Education series, Paper/pencils, markers, crayons, other books like The Little Engine that Could by Watty Piper or Mike Mulligan and his Steam Engine by Virginia Lee Burton

### **Activity:**

- ⊙ Read the book as a group.
- ⊙ Define terms in the book like perseverance and phrases like got to stick to it.
- ⊙ You can also read books like Mike Mulligan and his Steam Engine and The Little Engine that Could. Talk about how these books are the same and different.
- ⊙ Talk about how the characters keep trying and how they have goals.
- ⊙ Ask the students to think of goals that they have for themselves both in and out of school. They can share the goals with the group.
- ⊙ Have them write or draw a picture of their goal and put them up in the room to remind them of what they are working towards.

**Follow up:** There is a coordinating CD or cassette that goes with each book in the character education series. This has not been previewed by the group but should be available through the Creative Teaching Press.