

Perseverance: A Poem

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(Hold your hands, fingers curved over fingers.)

Ahem. *(Put fist to mouth and clear throat.)*

Perseverance! *(Point right index finger high in the air.)*

means never giving up *(Shake head vigorously back and forth.)*

even when people laugh at you when you make a mistake.

(Laugh a mean laugh.)

Perseverance! *(Point finger again.)*

means never giving up *(Shake head vigorously back and forth.)*

even when the problem seems very, very big *(lift your hand up like you
are building a mountain)*

and you feel very, very small. *(Make a box with your hands that gets
smaller and smaller.)*

(Cry like a baby: wah, wah, wah.)

Perseverance! *(Point finger again.)*

means never giving up *(Shake head vigorously back and forth.)*

even when you don't know how to do something.

(Scratch head and say, "Huh?")

Perseverance! *(Point finger again.)*

means never giving up *(Shake head vigorously back and forth.)*

even if you are horribly embarrassed.

(Put your arms over your head and say, "Don't look at me!")

Perseverance! *(Point your finger again.)*

means getting used to reaching goals.

(Jump out with your arms spread and say, "Ta da!")

Perseverance! *(Point finger.)*

means getting used to success.

(Shine your fingernails on your shirt.)

Perseverance! *(Point your finger.)*

means building muscles for life as big as Arnold Schwarzenegger's!

(Assume a body builder pose.)

Perseverance is fun. Perseverance is cool.

Perseverance will serve you well

all your life, as well as in school.

Thank you, thank you, thank you. *(Bow.)*