

## PERSEVERENCE lesson for use with CATKWONDO

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**Instructions for use:** This activity was designed with the help of educators to be compatible with a variety of learning standards and for an easy "grab-and-go"

lesson that works well in the physical OR virtual classroom with few extra materials required. This can also easily be used as a substitute lesson, library activity, or before or after school program.

This SEL (Social Emotional Learning) lesson focuses on reading comprehension and develops positive self-identity, self-management skills, social awareness, empathy, resiliency, and focus of attention.

These writing prompts were designed for use with grades K-2 in a group or grades 3 and 4 as an individual activity. After reading CATKWONDO, read or distribute the questions on page 2. A guide with sample answers is included on page 3.

## Ways to further expand the learning:

- Ask students to draw, write about, or discuss a time they tried a new activity. Was it challenging? Did they enjoy it?
- As a class or in small groups, discuss how people in families, schools, and communities can help support one another.
- Help students draw, discuss, or make a list of activities they are interested in learning or trying.

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## **CATKWONDO** perseverance lesson

1.	Kitten learns that being able to break a board takes time and lots of practice to master. What things have you tried that take time to do well?
2.	What emotions do you feel when you don't get something right away?
3.	Who helped Kitten when she felt frustrated at not being able to break the board? Who has helped you when you felt frustrated?
4.	Talk about how you felt when you finally could do something after lots of time and practice.
5.	How can you help someone who is frustrated?

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## ANSWER GUIDE for CATKWONDO perseverance lesson for use with grades K-2 as a group or grades 3-4 on own

1. Kitten learns that being able to break a board takes time and lots of practice to master. What things have you tried that take time to do well?

Answers may include: sports, music, art, crafts, etc.

2. What emotions do you feel when you don't get something right away?

Answers may include: hurt, sad, mad, frustrated, angry, upset, anxious, etc.

3. Who helped Kitten when she felt frustrated at not being able to break the board? Who has helped you when you felt frustrated?

Answers include: teammates, teachers, parents, friends, relatives, bystanders, etc.

4. Talk about how you felt when you finally could do something after lots of time and practice.

Answers include: I felt proud, happy, content, excited, accomplished, etc.

5. How can you help someone who is frustrated?

Answers include: being a good listener, encouraging words, cheer them on, etc.