

MAY 2020

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Day 1:

Most people may have desire, but a lack of determination. Our Big Idea this month is determination; deciding it's worth it to finish what you started. How are you determined to finish this school year?

Day 2:

Determination is deciding it's worth to finish what you started. Motivation is what gets you started, determination is what keeps you going. Our Big Idea this month is determination, deciding it's worth it to finish what you started.

Day 3:

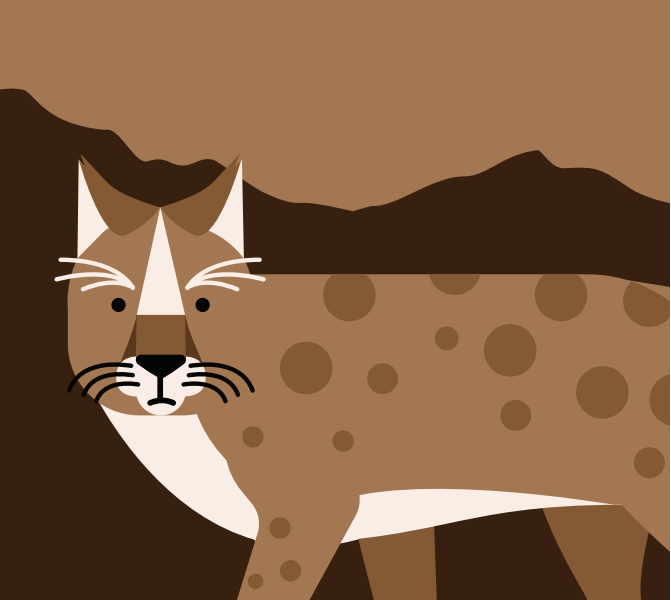
There are only two options in determination: either you are in or you are out. There is no such thing as in between. Our Big Idea this month is determination, deciding it's worth it to finish what you started. What goals are you determined to reach by the end of the school year?

Day 4:

Our Big Idea this month is determination, deciding it's worth it to finish what you started. President Barack Obama said, "The best way to not feel hopeless is to get up and do something. Don't wait for good things to happen to you. If you go out and make some good things happen, you will fill the world with hope, you will fill yourself with hope." President Obama speaks of determination and the importance of deciding it's worth it to finish what was started.

Day 5:

Our Big Idea color is brown. Brown is the color of the earth and is comforting and nurturing. The color brown affects the mind and body by creating feelings of wholesomeness and peace. Brown provides feelings of organization, history, and connection, as well as cozy feelings of relaxation and warmth.



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Day 6:

Our Big Idea color is brown. Brown is a natural color that evokes a sense of strength and reliability. It's often seen as solid, much like the earth. The color is often associated with dependability, safety and determination.

Day 7:

LeBron James, Steve Jobs, and Oprah Winfrey didn't become national phenomena overnight. Their level of determination helped them to work towards their goals and making the decision that it's worth it to finish what they started.

Day 8:

The tale of the tortoise and the hare is a great story of determination. In this story, the hare is very confident of winning, so it stops during the race and falls asleep. The tortoise continues to move very slowly but without stopping and finally it wins the race. Despite its speed, the tortoise was determined to finish what it started and in this tale he won the race.

Day 9:

Determination is the courage to continue. Have you ever tried to climb a tree or any other tough task and given up in the middle? Have you ever done something difficult and made it to the end? You can't beat the feeling of accomplishing something great, and determination makes that possible.

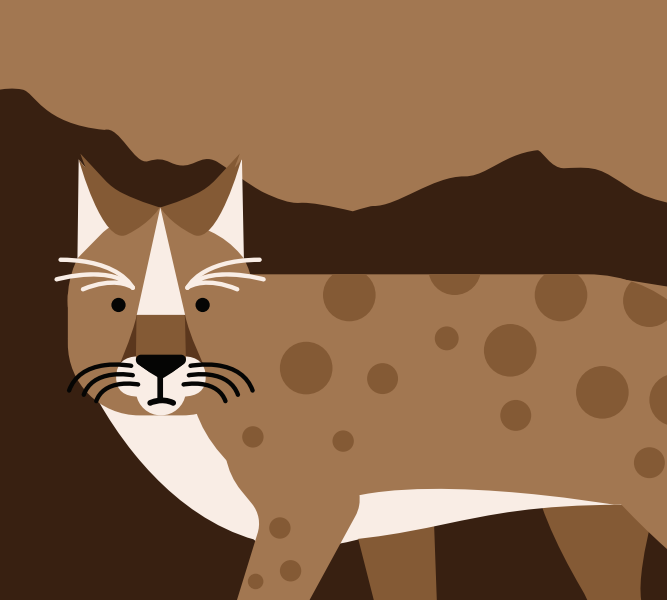
Day 10:

"The difference between possible and impossible all lies in our determination." This quote from baseball coach Tommy Lasorda shows us an important truth – if we aren't determined, things that could be accomplished stay undone. This month let's take a can do attitude and prove that we have determination. Determination is deciding it's worth it to finish what you started.

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Day 11:

Our Big Idea animal is the bobcat. American bobcats are about twice the size of their domestic counterparts. They have long legs and big paws. Their fur comes in a range of buff and browns, with dark brown or black striped markings. Bobcats are creatures of determination: they are excellent hunters, stalking prey with stealth and patience, and then capturing their meals with one great leap.

Day 12:

Our animal this month is the bobcat. The bobcat is about twice as big as a house cat—and a lot faster. It can run at speeds up to 25 to 30 miles an hour. It's also skilled at swimming. Bobcats are determined animals. These animals are solitary and territorial. They mark their domains with their scent as a way to tell other bobcats to back off. Don't mess with these cats!

Day 13:

As this year ends, think for a moment about your favorite Big Idea to learn this year. What core value did you put most into practice? As we prepare for the summer months, be determined to continue to use the Big Ideas learned this year.

Day 14:

The Big Idea this month is determination. Determination means deciding it's worth it to finish what you've started. Think about the Big 3: treat others right, make smart decisions and maximize your potential. How does using determination help you to treat others right?

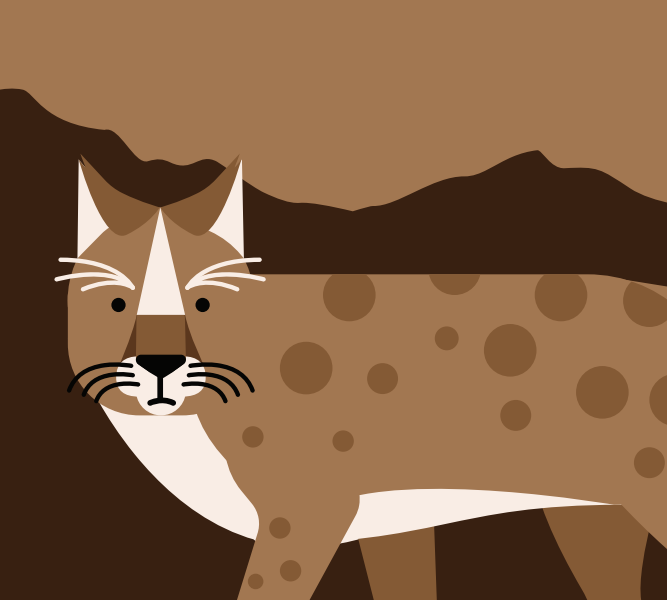
Day 15:

The Big Idea this month is determination. Determination means deciding it's worth it to finish what you've started. Military leader Colin Powell once said, "A dream doesn't become reality through magic; it takes sweat, determination and hard work." Have you ever worked really hard to finish a project, to do a job for your parents or for your scout troop? If so, then you know how hard work pays off.

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Day 16:

The Big Idea this month is determination. Determination means deciding it's worth it to finish what you've started. Think about the Big 3: treat others right, make smart decisions and maximize your potential. How does using determination help you make smart decisions?

Day 17:

The Big Idea this month is determination. Determination means deciding it's worth it to finish what you've started. Helen Keller was famous for being deaf and blind in a time when there was no way for people with those combined disabilities to communicate with others. Through a determined teacher, Annie Sullivan, she learned to talk and write and communicate brilliantly with those around her. She was able to live a successful life giving lectures and speeches on determination. Do you know someone like that?

Day 18:

The Big Idea this month is determination. Determination means deciding it's worth it to finish what you've started. Did you know that Michael Jordan missed 9,000 shots in his career? Yet he is one of the most successful players of all time. He said this, "If you're trying to achieve, there will be roadblocks. I've had them; everybody has had them. But obstacles don't have to stop you. If you run into a wall, don't turn around and give up. Figure out how to climb it, go through it, or work around it." That's very good advice---it has worked well for him.

Day 19:

The Big Idea this month is determination. Determination means deciding it's worth it to finish what you've started. Have you ever heard of people having a bucket list? That means they have a list of things they'd like to accomplish during their life. Some people want to climb a mountain, or jump from an airplane. Still others want to meet someone famous or learn something new. What would be on your bucket list? What are you determined to do one day?

Day 20:

The last Big Idea of the year is determination. Determination means deciding it's worth it to finish what you've started. Ask yourself this: what would our school look like if each and every person finished the year using determination? Let's be determined for the next few days to finish the year by maximizing our potential in every way we can.