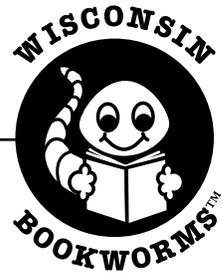


Activity Sheet



Puddle Pug

by Kim Norman, illustrated by Keika Yamaguchi

Percy the Pug loves puddles — big puddles, small puddles, swamp puddles, stomp puddles. But no puddle is perfect ... until he finds one with three friendly piglets. But protective Mama Pig says NO PUGS and chases Percy away!

Before you read this book: Kim Norman's tale is about a persistent pug. Perseverance (sticking to something when it's hard) is one of the most important skills to have as a kid (and an adult!). Around the age of 4 to 5 is the perfect time to start playing games such as jigsaw puzzles to develop perseverance.

While you read this book: As you read the book, point out the different illustrations on each page that go with what you're reading. Ask your kids whether Percy is happy or sad in each picture and talk about why.

After you read this book: Map out your classroom (or house)! Review Percy's puddle map. Why was it important for Percy to make a map? On 18x24-inch paper, draw windows and doors to get them started. Point out the doors in room and the doors on the map, and do the same with windows. Talk about things needed on the map and help the kids draw other classroom objects on construction paper, cut them out, and glue them to the map. (from: www.prekinders.com/map-making-in-pre-k/)

At home: Help your child learn about perseverance. When you see your child struggling or having a hard time, empathize. Explain to your child that everyone fails and offer a story about a time when you yourself failed. You can model for your child how to handle frustration and disappointment. Perhaps the most important thing is to step back and let your child stumble. We all want to protect our kids, but it's important to allow them to fail rather than swooping in and fixing the problem. Failure teaches kids the skills they need — like resiliency — to be successful adults (from *Teaching Children It's OK to Fail* by Dr. Jamie Howard on www.pbs.org/parents)

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