#### THE SKY'S THE LIMIT

# **DON'T GIVE UP**

## TIPS FOR CAREGIVERS

Social and emotional learning (SEL) helps children manage emotions, learn how to feel empathy, create and achieve goals, and make good decisions. Strong lessons and support in SEL will help children establish positive habits in communication, cooperation, and decision-making. By incorporating SEL in early reading, children will be better equipped to build confidence and foster positive peer networks.

#### BEFORE READING

Talk to the reader about not giving up. Explain that everyone faces challenges.

**Discuss:** What is hard for you? What do you do when you want to give up? How do you feel when you persevere?

#### **AFTER READING**

Talk to the reader about the importance of perseverance and resilience.

**Discuss:** What would you like to learn or achieve? How can you get there? What can you do to help yourself be resilient in the face of challenges? Who could help you when you feel you need help?

#### **SEL GOAL**

Some children may have a fixed mindset. They may not understand that they can develop skills, talents, and abilities by working hard. They may feel that they will never get better at certain tasks or abilities. Help readers develop a growth mindset. Reflect on things that they had a hard time doing at first but can do now. Create a list of things that they would like to work hard on and do in the future.

# GOALS AND TOOLS

### **GROW WITH GOALS**

Not giving up can be hard! But it gets easier with practice, reflection, and help from our networks.

**Goal:** Reflect on your strengths. What are you already good at? What makes you feel confident? Were you always good at those things? How have you improved those skills with hard work?

**Goal:** Identify your goals. What is one thing that you want that you'll need to work hard to achieve? Write it down! Create a collage that helps inspire you to meet your goal.

**Goal:** Find a role model! Do you know of someone who doesn't give up? Or you can do research to find someone from history who didn't give up. Use that person as a role model when you're thinking of giving up.

#### WRITING REFLECTION

Feeling good about yourself helps you not give up! Reflecting on good qualities helps us remember that we can be successful and resilient.

- **1.** What are your favorite things about yourself?
- 2. What have you done recently that made you proud of yourself?
- Write about a time when you didn't give up or were successful despite hardship.



