

PATIENCE VS. PERSEVERANCE

Miriam Webster defines patience as the ability to tolerate delays calmly. Perseverance is described as the ability to continue even when the path is difficult.

Now think about your child for a minute. A child who may never have to wait for something, share or even stand in a line at home... Now he/she is learning to navigate a large group environment. That's where Teachers come in!

These are life skills and like most of your child's school day, they too are taught with intent and scaffolding. This is often one on one with each child.

We have spent a lot of time in Pre-K II helping your children overcome writing challenges and obtain phonemic awareness. The skill levels are wide. Some children may have never held a pencil and some may not know their name in print or the alphabet. No worries though, we got this! "I can't" is not the accepted response in

our room. We ask, "Can we do it? Yes, we can!" It begins as quite an absurd concept for some children and one of the most difficult to teach, but we are making warp speed progress with our "Pat yourself on the back" action when success happens. Ask your child to show you that! They have learned to be proud of these baby steps and should say, "I did very good work today!"

At home we encourage you to assist. Stay positive. Don't be afraid to share when even you have had to keep trying to succeed. Believe me, they are watching.

Give your children responsibilities. We do! Resist the urge to rescue your child when a task is difficult. This will increase independence and self-confidence. You won't always be there to solve every single challenge they may face. Ask daily what was the best part of their school day? Also ask what was the most challenging? You likely will be surprised.

If your child asks for help, give it. But never do the task for them. When your child is successful independently, shower them with praise!

Giving the right amount of push can be tricky. You should eventually give your child the answers to a difficult task, but then step back and watch what happens next.

Can you do it? Yes, you can!

Thank you for your support and thank you for getting on board!

Miss Ann Marie