

Dear Parents,

This week in the *Bouncy the People Trainer* Program, your child is learning that even if you have hard things in your life, you can learn to do what you set out for if you keep trying, keep on, and keep persevering. We want your child to understand that hard things happen to good people, but if they set a goal and keep trying to reach it they can learn and achieve despite challenges and hardships.

Some kids start out with fewer advantages than others -- money, physical characteristics, starting mental abilities, or emotional ones. Unfortunately, race and ethnicity are also still a source of advantage or disadvantage in many parts of our society. Although many things can be a source of disadvantage, NOTHING is an absolute stopper. Everyone can overcome barriers and reach high goals, if they refuse to give up. Practice using encouraging words with your children. If they are tempted to quit trying, say, "Keep going," or "Good try," or, "I know you can learn this."

If you have access to an iPad at home, or through a friend or relative, sit with your child and ask them to show you the KEEP TRYING lesson (fifth level). Ask them to tell you what they liked best about this lesson and to show you their drawing of something they will keep trying at. When they have received their fifth and final dog skateboarding badge, congratulate them, and please take a minute to post a review together at the App Store. Your good reviews will help Ripple Effects be able to create more programs to help teachers like me.

Thank you for your support of this program and the work we are doing in class to create a community of comfortable, confident and successful learners.

Sincerely,

P.S. To find out how to get the Bouncy app for free at home, go to the Bouncy website at bouncykids.net/parents.