

### Third Grade

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#### Habit 2: Begin with the End in Mind

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#### State Standards

1.2 Reading/Beginning Reading/Strategies (Students comprehend a variety of texts drawing on varied strategies as needed)

1.5 Reading/Comprehension of Literary Text/Theme and Genre (Students analyze, make inferences and draw conclusions about theme and genre in different cultural, historical, and contemporary contexts and provide evidence from the text to support their understanding)

#### Learning Activities

##### Begin with the End in Mind Read Aloud (15 minutes)

Read Aloud One, *The Secret of a Hero* by Caroline Bushness. In the story, Eric is a character that is often overlooked and made fun of for his size. Eric decides that there must be more to his life. He begins by making a goal of becoming a hero. He works hard, learning about what it takes to become a hero. He makes reasonable goals to accomplish. As he reaches these goals, he makes new ones. Until finally, he is stronger more confident. At the end of the story, Eric does become a hero.

Read the first few pages. Ask students, "Which habit helps us plan ahead for something that we really want to accomplish?"

Throughout the story discuss with students how Eric "Begin with the End in Mind." He knows what he wants and he makes a plan to get there, allowing nothing to get in the way of his goal.

##### Teacher Presentation of Objective (7 minutes)

Tell students that today they will be setting their own goals for reading *Development Nominated Books*. As they reach certain goals, they will receive incentives. Students will need to prove that they read the books by taking an online quiz for each of the books located on the library website.