### JOURNAL PAGE 1 (PAGES 1-16):

#### **Essential Questions:**

- What does it mean to be successful?
- What causes success and achievement?

#### Journal Entry:

Write a goal for the coming school year. It may be for this class, another class, or school as a whole. You may have more than one goal. What will it take to be successful?

#### Math Corner:

• What is a tetrahedron? Draw a picture.

### **JOURNAL PAGE 2 (PAGES 17-66):**

### **Essential Questions:**

- What are some common hurdles that keep people from being successful?
- Is it right to judge people by their families? Is it possible to break the cycle?

# **Journal Entry:**

• Think about your goal(s) that you wrote about yesterday. What hurdles do you face in achieving those goals? What could keep you from being successful?

#### Math Corner:

• If there are 8 people making tetrahedrons and each person made about 30 an hour, how long would it take to reach their goal of 16,384?

### JOURNAL PAGE 3 (PAGES 67-126):

# **Essential Questions:**

- What are common ways people react to hurdles and difficult situations?
- What are healthy productive ways to handling difficult situations?

### Journal Entry:

• Write about a time when you wanted to succeed/achieve at something (sports, school...) and you faced a huge hurdle. Did you defeat the hurdle? If so, how? If not, what would you do differently?

### Math Corner:

• What is a pattern? Provide an example.

### **JOURNAL PAGE 4 (PAGES 127-169):**

#### **Essential Questions:**

- What is determination?
- Do you think these students will achieve their dream? Why?

# Journal Entry:

Determination requires effort. To reach your goal, you need effort. (Remember success rarely happens by luck.) Do you think effort is necessary to achieve your goals? Why or why not? In what ways?

### Math Corner:

How many faces, edges, and vertices does a tetrahedron have?

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# **SECTION 5 (PAGES 170-197):**

# **Essential Questions:**

- What resources did the students have to help them over this hurdle?
- If you conquer a hurdle, is that in itself a moment of success?

# Journal Entry:

• You will always face hurdles and obstacles in your life. It is your choice whether you let those hurdles win or whether they will defeat you. What resources can you place in your life to help you as hurdles and obstacles come along?