

**PENCIL REMINDER**

# Hard work = Success

**Materials:** "Hard work = Success" written on chart paper or whiteboard, worksheets, timer, pencil reminder templates, pencils, markers, crayons, scissors, hole punch

**Directions:** Read the worksheet, complete the activity and discuss with the Group.

What does "Hard work = Success" mean? It means achieving positive results takes effort.

A nice yard takes mowing and raking.  
A clean house takes dusting and vacuuming.  
And making good grades takes studying and doing your homework.

**STEP ONE**

Can you think of phrases that remind you that hard work pays off? For example, "When I really try, I can win." Or, "Getting ahead means not falling behind." Raise your hand if you have a "Hard work = Success" reminder. Be sure to write down all the ideas we discuss.

(Set the timer and allow 5 minutes for discussion and to write down ideas.)

**HARD WORK = SUCCESS REMINDERS**

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**STEP TWO**

Now, choose two reminders from your list and create a pencil topper. Write whatever reminders you like on the front and back of the pencil reminder template. Cut the template out according to the lines and decorate it. Then, using the hole punch, punch a hole through each X on the template. Slip a pencil through the holes and you've got a pencil reminder.

Whenever you're feeling lazy or tired, just read your pencil reminder and **GET TO WORK!**



