

# PREPAREDNESS

"I never thought about it that way..."



## LUNCHTIME LEARNING

The baby mice were only a few days old and full of joy. Under the watchful eye of their mother, they were jumping and hopping, squeaking and squealing just having a great time.

Suddenly, they all froze in their tracks. A large black shadow had fallen across them. Slowly, they turned their little mice heads around to see the source of the shadow. There standing crouched and ready to

pounce, was a huge black tomcat. His yellow eyes were as big as saucers, his teeth were long and sharp and dripping with saliva. If that cat could have spoken one word it would have been "*Lunchtime!*"

Quick as a flash, the mama mouse leapt over her babies and stood between them and the tomcat. Glaring into the tomcat's eyes, she began to bark loudly and with attitude: "*Woof! Woof! Woof! Woof! Woof! Woof!*" The tomcat was so surprised he turned on his paws and ran off with his tail between his legs.

The mama mouse turned to the little mice and said, "There you are my darlings, let that be a lesson to you. Never underestimate the importance of learning a second language!"

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Ready for a new year? Are you prepared for the unexpected? Are back up plans part of the plan? Do you continually improve your skills and develop your talents?

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