

Little learners get hands on, minds on at Tinkering for Tots, a program designed for curious preschoolers to develop an innovative mindset and make connections through storytelling, play, artifact exploration and a take-home STEAM activity kit.

## What connections are we making?

### Highlighted Habit



#### CHALLENGE THE RULES

**Description:** What is a new way we can do something? Does something always have to look like that or work like that?

### Story

**Title:** *Every Little Letter*

**Author:** Deborah Underwood

**Why we picked this book:** *Every Little Letter* shows our littlest learners that they can make a big impact, just like little h and little i do when they get together. The book illustrates how a single act of friendship can inspire whole communities to work together, and how words can tear down walls.

### Artifact Spotlight

**Name:** Rosa Parks Bus

**Location:** With Liberty and Justice for All

To learn more about the story behind this artifact, please see the artifact spotlight on Page 2.

### Open Exploration

**Description:** Challenging the rules while exploring with the alphabet on magnet walls.

**Skills your young learner is practicing:** Creating patterns, collaborating, using imagination, learning from failure.

### Questions to Ask Your Young Learner

What were some of the unfair things the letters in the story were trying to change? Were the big letters treating the little letters unfairly? How would you feel if you were treated unfairly? How do we find out about new people we meet? How did Rosa Parks challenge the rules? Were the rules fair? Do you think it was hard for her to challenge the unfair rules? Does it take courage to say something is wrong? What would you do if you thought someone was being treated unfairly?

### Take-Home Activity

**Title:** Sensory Potions

**Materials:**

- Glitter
- Glitter glue
- Funnel
- Jar



## Artifact Spotlight



Civil rights (treating everyone equally no matter their skin color) workers asked African Americans in that city to stop riding the Montgomery buses. Since they were the people who rode the buses the most, this was a serious problem for the company because it cost them a lot of money and was a threat to segregation laws in the city and everywhere else that had laws like those. For over a year, African Americans didn't ride the buses and finally the U. S. Supreme Court ruled that the segregation law was not legal.

**Rosa Parks Bus:** Inside this bus on December 1, 1955, Rosa Parks sat in the first row behind the "Whites Only" section of the bus where either white people or Black people could sit. Soon all the seats in the bus were full, so when another white man got on, the driver told all four African Americans in Mrs. Parks' row to move to the back of the bus. Mrs. Parks quietly refused to give up her seat, which was against the law. She was arrested and found guilty of violating the laws of segregation (separating people because of the color of their skin). Mrs. Parks took her conviction to a higher court and challenged these laws. Her act inspired others to also act.



For her actions, Rosa Parks has been called "The Mother of the Civil Rights Movement." Rosa Parks was not the leader of any group. She was just an ordinary person, and she knew she was taking a risk with her action. But, through her example, she showed others what was possible.

# Take-Home Activity



## Sensory Potion Materials:

- Glitter
- Glitter glue
- Funnel
- Jar
- Warm water



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## Directions:

1. Squeeze the tube of glitter glue into the empty jar.
2. Fill jar almost to the top with warm water.
3. Add a heap of glitter to the jar.
4. Screw the lid on tightly.
5. Shake to mix, and enjoy your sensory potion.



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# Coloring Sheet

