**PNC Tinkering for Tots: What are we learning about in March?**

**Habit of the month:**

**BE EMPATHETIC**

**Description:** How would that make you feel? How do you think it makes others feel?

**Story: What are we reading?**

**Title:** One  
**Author:** Kathryn Otoshi

**Why we picked this book:** It only takes one person to make a difference, to take a stand, and then others find their courage to also take a stand. For Women’s History Month, we chose to focus on one woman who took a stand that contributed to an entire movement toward achieving greater equality.

**Questions you can ask your young learner:**  
How would you feel if you were Blue dot? Would you stand up for someone who was being bullied (picked on)? Have you ever felt bullied? Have you seen someone being bullied? What did you do? What should you do?

**Artifact of the day: Where are we going?**

**Name:** Rosa Parks Bus  
**Location:** With Liberty and Justice for All

**Short description:** Rosa Parks, a soft-spoken African American seamstress, refused to give up her seat to a white man, breaking existing segregation laws in Alabama. The flawless character and quiet strength she exhibited successfully ignited action in others. For this, many believe Rosa Parks’ act was the event that sparked the civil rights movement.

**Questions you can ask your young learner:**  
How do you think Mrs. Parks felt when she wouldn’t move her seat? How do you think she felt when she was arrested for not moving? How do you think she felt when so many others joined her in not taking the city buses? Do you think Mrs. Parks showed empathy — did she understand how others felt being treated unfairly?

**What to see next:** Check out the Women’s Suffrage section of With Liberty and Justice for All and the pop-up exhibit for Women’s History Month.

**Take Home STEAM Activity: What are we doing?**

**Title:** Rosa Parks Bus and Clothespin Dolls

**Materials:**
- Yellow paper
- Green paper
- White paper
- Black paper
- 1 glue stick
- 3 clothespins
- 2 rolls of washi tape
Take Home STEAM Activity: Rosa Parks Bus & Clothespin Dolls

Materials:
- 3 yellow strips of paper
- 3 green strips of paper
- 3 white strips of paper
- 2 headlights
- 4 tires
- 1 door
- 1 windshield
- 7 small white squares (windows)
- 1 glue stick
- 3 clothespins
- 2 rolls of washi tape

Rosa Parks Bus Directions:

1. Glue the yellow strips of paper around the bottom of your supply box and trim excess.

2. Next, glue the green strips of paper around the box. The green strips should be placed right above the yellow strips. Trim the excess.

3. Then, glue the white strips of paper above the green strips, all the way around your box. Trim the excess.

4. Decide which short end of the box will be the front of your bus. Glue the door (the tall white piece with black trim) near the front on the long side of your bus.

5. Place one wheel along the bottom in the yellow strip just behind your door and the other about one inch from the back edge.

6. Glue three of the white squares (windows) on the green strip on the same side of your bus. Try to space these evenly between where you placed the door and leaving an inch of the green strip showing at the other end of your bus.

7. On the front of your bus, glue the windshield (the white piece with black trim creating two squares) on the green strip.

8. Glue the small white circles with black trim to the front of your bus a half inch from the side edges and one inch from the bottom of the bus. These are your headlights.

9. Turn your box to the long side without windows or wheels.

10. Glue the remaining two wheels and four white squares (windows), spacing them out like you did for the first side.
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Clothespins Dolls Directions:

1. Take the three clothespins and use your markers to decorate them. You can add faces, hair, etc.

2. Wrap pieces of the washi tape around each doll to create clothes.