

# CATCH a spark!

## Using children's literature to SPARK CREATIVITY



### Every Little Kindness

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72 pages / Grades K-3

A wordless graphic novel that carries a big message, readers will go on an adventure that shows the ripple effects of little acts of kindness and generosity over the course of one short day.

## C

### Context

Circle stories

Theme

Inferencing

Plot and story sequence

Where does kindness begin? In the case of the story, it starts with a girl who is actually quite upset, but moves past it to be kind to someone else.

## A

### Arts

Color choice and emphasis. The story is largely told in black and white, with the exception of a few details. An interesting conversation can be started as to why this is an important technique.

Art that tells stories, through details.

## T

### Themes

Kindness - why it matters

Generosity

Hope

Inclusivity

## C

### Create

Create circle stories.

Issue a random acts of kindness challenge.

Chart the acts and see if there is a ripple effect. Rather than asking students to report on the things they do themselves, ask them to report on the kindness they see others do, or is done to them.

## H

### Heart Words

*As this is a wordless book, ask students to determine the moment that spoke the most to them. Why and how did it effect them?*

