



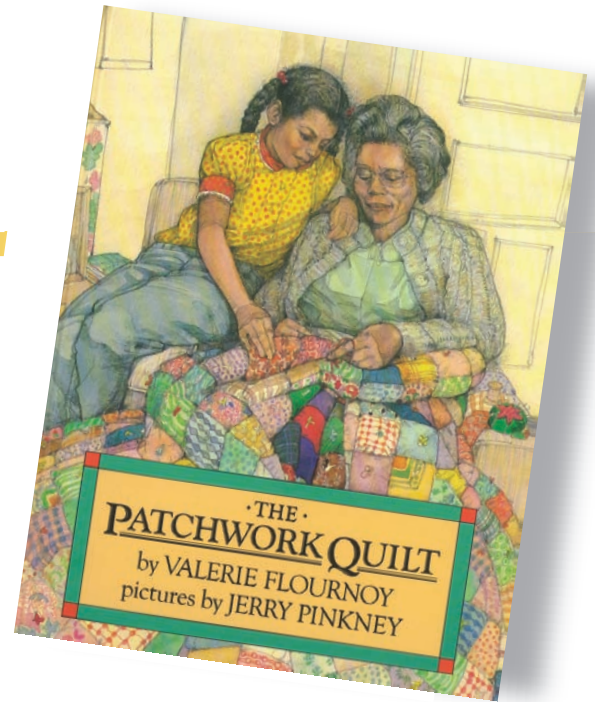
Reading Is  
Fundamental

# Featured Activity: Design Your Own Stamp

## THE PATCHWORK QUILT

by Valerie Flourney

**Book Summary:** Tanya loves listening to her grandmother talk about the quilt she is making from pieces of colorful fabric from the family clothes: an eventual heirloom to represent each person and the important events of their lives together. When Grandma becomes ill, Tanya decides to finish the masterpiece herself, and soon the rest of the family pitches in to help, finding comfort and connection by completing the squares and stitches.



## DIRECTIONS

**Estimated time:** 20 minutes

- # Before visiting the school, make copies of the the Design Your Own Stamp handout.
- § Read *The Patchwork Quilt* to the students. Ask the group if they have ever seen a quilt. Does anyone in their family know how to make a quilt?
- % Distribute the stamp handout to the class. Encourage the students to design a stamp that represents a special place, whether that is someplace they've been, someplace they'd like to go, or a place they've read about in a book.
- & After everyone has finished creating their stamps, ask a few of the children to talk about what they have created.



# DESIGN YOUR OWN STAMP

Name \_\_\_\_\_

