

All weekend I tried to think of who  
I wanted to dress up as on Friday.  
But the problem was, there were  
so many choices.

How was I going to  
choose just one?

- ★ My HEROES ★
1. Mom
  2. Mr. Finley ?
  3. Anne Frank
  4. Ellen Degeneres
  5. Eleanor Roosevelt ?

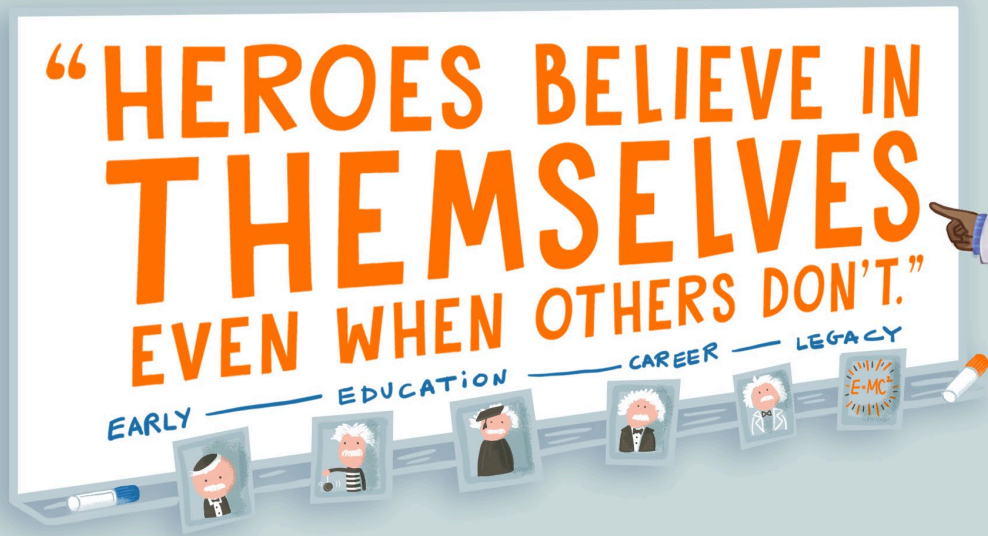




On Monday, Sophie insisted on walking me to class so she could sneak a peek into Mr. Finley's classroom.

We fast-walked down the hallway and were greeted at the door by a man wearing a lab coat and a wig with wild, white hair. It took me a few seconds to realize that it was Mr. Finley dressed up as Albert Einstein, the famous scientist.





After the bell rang, Mr. Finley said, "Class, Class."

"Yes, Yes," we all answered.

"Welcome to Hero Week, where each day we will be celebrating special heroes from the present and past."



"Today, I am Albert Einstein. Did you know that although we think of Einstein as a genius now, when he was a kid, his teachers thought he should quit school because he just wasn't smart enough?"



"What?!" nearly the entire class gasped.

Mr. Finley told us all about Albert Einstein and his contributions to science. Then he said, "Class, heroes believe in themselves even when others don't."



On Tuesday, Mr. Finley was standing at the whiteboard, drawing a bus. The school nurse, Mrs. Scott, was standing at the front of the class. She was dressed in old-timey clothes.

Mr. Finley waited for students to try to guess who she was.

"Anyone ever heard of Rosa Parks?" He finally asked.

Some students nodded. Others shook their head.



Mrs. Scott spoke up, "I dressed up as Rosa Parks because she stood up for what she felt was right at a time when people were not treated fairly, just because of how they looked. In fact, she was told to sit in the back of the bus because of her skin color. She peacefully refused, and through her perseverance, became a hero."

Mr. Finley told us more about how important Rosa Parks was in a time known as "The Civil Rights Movement." Then he said, "Class, heroes do the right thing, even when it's tough."



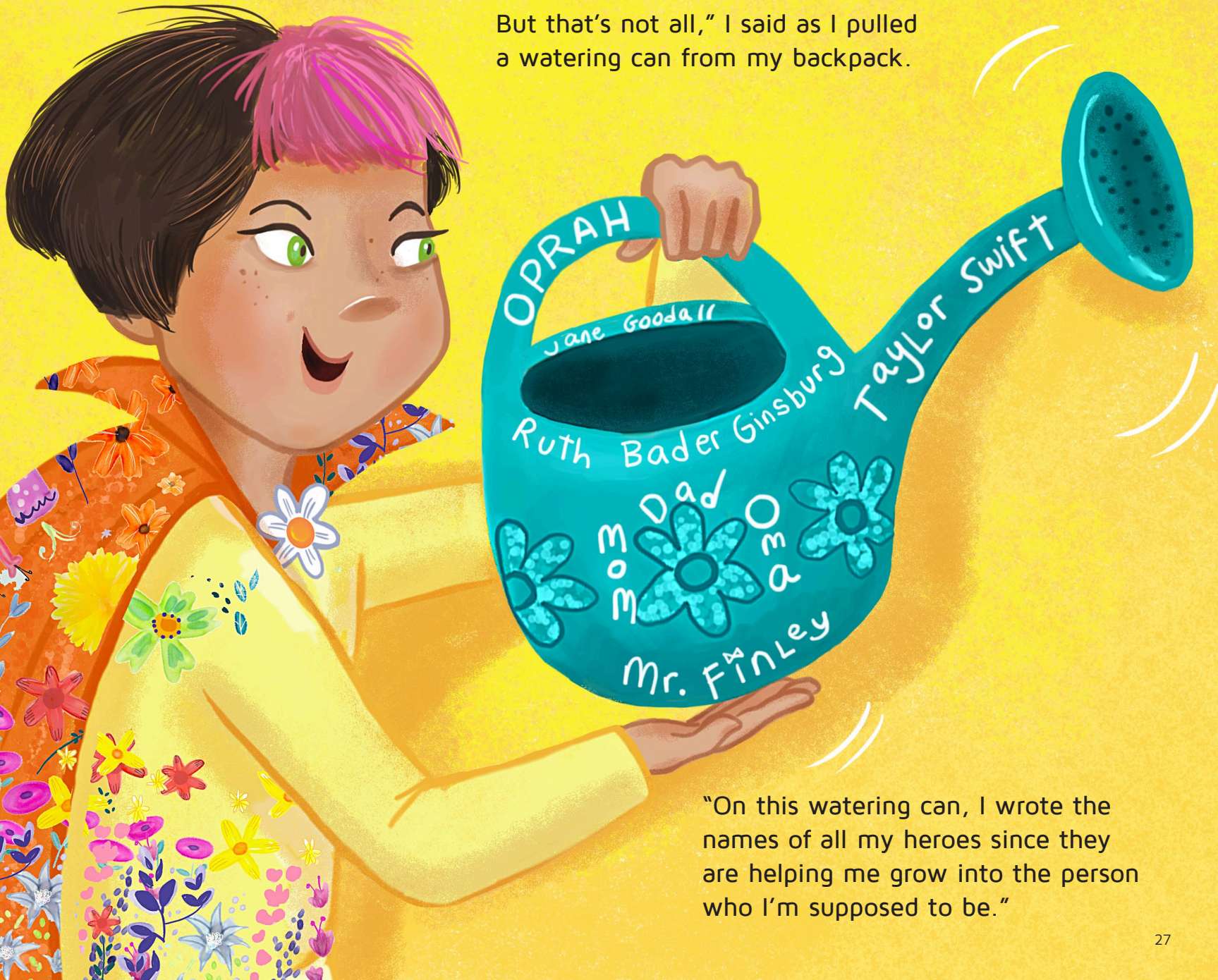




"When I was trying to choose which of my heroes to dress up as today, I had a tough time choosing. There are so many people I look up to as heroes. So, I chose to dress up as my future self with all of my possibilities..."



But that's not all," I said as I pulled a watering can from my backpack.



"On this watering can, I wrote the names of all my heroes since they are helping me grow into the person who I'm supposed to be."