

# Mrs. Connell – K1

Well-known children's author & illustrator, **Patricia Polacco**, didn't always have it easy and had many struggles as a young girl in school. She had great difficulty learning, especially in the areas of reading and math. She thought she was stupid! She learned to comfort herself by rocking in her rocking chair. Patricia would sit and rock and let her imagination soar!! After being diagnosed with Dyslexia at the age of 14, Patricia began to find success in school. She never gave up and with courage, hard work and determination, she earned a Bachelor's, Master's, and Ph.D. in Art and Art History. Patricia is a hero to K-1 because she was able to overcome such obstacles and realized she just needed to learn in a different way! She also taught us to never give up and to be kind to ourselves!! Some of her heroic qualities include courage, determination, perseverance and compassion.

