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On the first day of school, Velvet's classmates brought the teacher beautiful gifts. Velvet brought the teacher an egg carton with rocks, shoelaces and half a sparrow's egg.

Velvet was odd.
This text is adapted from the original text,
Odd Velvet, by Mary Whitcomb
At lunchtime, Velvet carried her lunch in a brown paper bag with carrots and a butter sandwich. The girls noticed that Velvet did not wear a new dress.
Velvet brought in other strange things. For show and tell Velvet brought in a milkweed plant. The other girls brought in dolls that talk, wet and cry.
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Odd Velvet, by Mary Whitcomb
Velvet had a freckled nose. She had only 8 crayons.

Everyone was nice to Velvet but no one picked Velvet for partner.

She played or walked home with her after school. No one wanted to be different the way Velvet was different.

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No one wanted to be different the way Velvet was different.
Velvet and her classmates went on a field trip. A classmate asked Velvet, "What's your nickname?" Velvet answered, "I don't have one."

Velvet told them on the day she was born, the sun was rising over the mountains and it looked like the world was covered with a blanket of smooth, soft, lavender velvet. Her classmates thought how beautiful it must have been the day Velvet was born.

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The next week there was a drawing contest at school. Everyone thought Sarah Garvery would win because she had the best markers, the biggest paint set, and the most colored pencils.

Everyone was surprised when the teacher announced the winner. The winner was Velvet.
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Velvet drew an apple. Sarah said, "It's just a piece of fruit." All the children stared at Velvet's picture. They thought it looked so real that you could pick it up and eat it. Velvet drew the most beautiful apple with only 8 crayons.
After a while, things Velvet said and did started to make sense.

The teacher let Velvet tell the students about her rock collection and show them ashes from a volcano.
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Velvet handed out invitations to her birthday party. The students thought Velvet's house was old and dark and they were unsure about going there.
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There were no magicians, wizards, or clowns at the party.

But the children did turn Velvet's room into a castle. They painted their faces, put glitter in their hair, and jumped off the bed into a blue blanket moat.
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Each child got a gold crown with colored jewels, they wore a royal cloak, played cards, and shot marbles. Velvet even showed the children how to draw beautiful apples.
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On the last day of school, Velvet's classmates brought the teacher flowers, handmade cards, and a rock collection. Velvet was different. But, maybe she wasn't so odd after all.
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