**UNIT: FRIENDSHIP/ SOCIAL COMPETENCIES Grade Level 2**

**ACTIVITY: Book: Odd Velvet Lesson 3**

Personal/Social Standards:

A: Students will acquire the knowledge, attitudes and interpersonal skills to help them understand

and respect self and others.

Competencies:

PS:A2 Acquire interpersonal skills

Indicators:

PS:A2.8 Learn how to make and keep friends

PS:A2.3 Recognize, accept, respect and appreciate individual differences

Materials

* Odd Velvet – Book by Mary E. Whitcomb (1998), ISBN 0-8118-2004-1 -
* Drawing paper and crayons for each student

Vocabulary

* Odd - unusual, strange, different

Gathering

“Tell me which one is different:”

* Puppies, kittens, and a ball (but can you *play* with all of them?)
* Ice cream, cookies, and a sandwich (but can you *eat* all of them?)
* Kool-Aid, Coca-Cola, and water (but can you *drink* them all when you’re thirsty?)

Review Agenda/Before the Lesson

“Who knows what odd means? Odd means different, or unusual. Sometimes when things or people are different they seem strange or weird to us. Today you will hear a story called “Odd Velvet.”

(Show book cover) What do you think the story is about? If she is odd, I wonder what the kids at school will think of her…”

During the Lesson

Read the book using read aloud strategies

After the Lesson

“Velvet was not what the other kids were used to. She was different…odd.

Did the kids think that the ways she was different were weird or were interesting?

After Velvet made the wonderful drawing kids started noticing something…Velvet was interesting!

What were some of the ways that the kids discovered that Velvet was really interesting?”

Ask students draw a picture of themselves and a friend enjoying an activity. Walk around and help them label their picture.

Checking Out What You Learned/Assessment

If there is time, have students pair-share their drawings with each other.

Closing

“Which one is different: (name of student in room), (name of student in room), or Odd Velvet?”

But, could Velvet still be your friend?”

Related Material

* “Respecting Differences” – Sunburst- video

Notes: