

Individuality

I am special and unique.

Books

**Alma and How She Got Her Name* by Juana Martinez-Neal (Caldecott Honor)

Alma has a very long name! She asks her father about it and he explains why she has each part of her name. The stories connect her to her name and her past.

**The Day You Begin* by Jacqueline Woodson

Best suited for first grade this is a gentle reminder to kids that everyone is different and has different experiences, but as you start to share you will find that we also all have things in common.

**The Story of Ferdinand* by Munro Leaf

Ferdinand isn't like the other bulls, he doesn't want to fight. Can he enjoy being who he is?

**A Bad Case of Stripes* by David Shannon - <https://www.storylineonline.net/books/a-bad-case-of-stripes/>

Camilla loves lima beans, but she knows that most kids don't, so she tries to hide it. She gets so worried about being like everyone else, she starts looking like whatever is around her. She only turns back to herself after she admits that she loves lima beans.

**Tacky the Penguin* by Helen Lester

Tacky is an odd bird. He does everything a little bit louder, sloppier, and weirder than everyone else. But maybe that is what makes him special.

**Leo the Late Bloomer* by Robert Kraus

A classic for a reason, this is a gentle reminder that everyone does things at their own pace, and that is wonderful.

**It's Ok to be Different* by Todd Parr - https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=5&v=z41mt3hNytM

A celebration of differences and uniqueness, this book reminds kids that all kinds of differences, big and small, make us who we are.

**Be Who You Are* by Todd Parr - https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=3&v=C0H8WEpS4jg

A simple and straightforward reminder to kids that it is wonderful to be true to themselves.

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**Red: A Crayon's Story* by Michael Hall

Red tries to do all the things that a red crayon should do, but can't, because Red is actually Blue. Once everyone understands that Red is Blue, everything gets so much better.

**Julián is a Mermaid* by Jessica Love

Julián is fascinated with the ladies dressed as mermaids that he sees on the subway. When he gets home he uses items around his abuela's house to dress up as a mermaid too.

Digital Resources

Carla's Sandwich by Debbie Herman - <https://www.storylineonline.net/books/carlas-sandwich/>

Carla brings crazy sandwiches to school everyday and the other kids make fun of her for it. One day, when a classmate forgets his lunch, Carla generously offers to share. He begrudgingly accepts the sandwich and discovers that it is delicious!

Not Quiet Narwal by Jessie Sima - <https://drive.google.com/open?id=1zoxHKwuX4yKz35TfA3x5hAKWEaYYyMOe>

Kelp has always lived in the ocean with the other narwals, but he didn't quite fit in. One day he journeys to the land and finds out that he is a unicorn. Will the narwals still love him?

Sesame Street "I Am Special" - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Gms-Yk7mzv4>
Grover sings a song about being a special and unique monster.

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