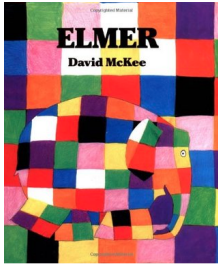
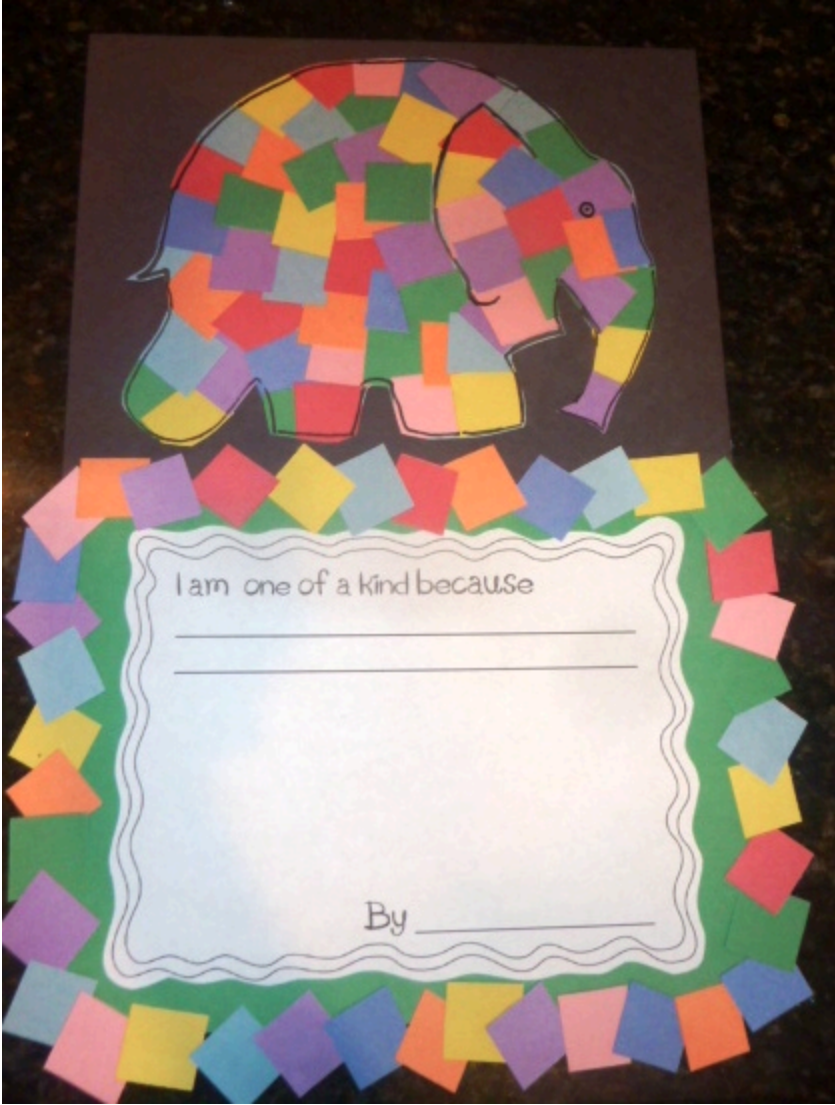


## Knight Knowledge Book of the Month Tip Sheet

<p>Title and Author</p>	<div style="text-align: right;">  </div> <p><u>Elmer</u> by David McKee</p>
<p>Timeframe Goal</p>	<p>March 2020</p>
<p>Quick Summary</p>	<p>Elephants are big, have trunks, and are gray. But what about Elmer, whose skin is covered with colorful patchwork? <i>Elmer</i>, by David McKee, tells the tale of an elephant who sticks out, both with his patchwork and his sense of humor, and how he and his community learn to accept and value his unique characteristics.</p> <p><a href="#">_Teaching Children Philosophy review</a></p>
<p>Connections to 5 C's</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Creativity</li> <li>● Citizenship/Stewardship</li> </ul>
<p>Connect</p>	<p>Turn and Talk: I understand how Elmer was feeling when he _____ because _____.</p>
<p>Teach</p>	<div style="background-color: #e0ffe0; padding: 10px;"> <h3 style="margin: 0;">Differences and Friendship</h3> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Why do the other elephants look up to Elmer? Why does Elmer like the other elephants?</li> <li>2. What do you admire in your friends? Name a friend and one thing you like about them that's also true about you, and one thing that you like about them that is not true about you.</li> <li>3. How would you feel if all your friends dressed up as you once a year?</li> <li>4. Does being friends with someone change who you are?</li> <li>5. Do you ever do things with your friends only they want to do? Do they do things with you only you want to do?</li> <li>6. What evidence of kindness did you see in this book?</li> </ol> </div>

<p>Engage</p>	<p>Activity: Sentence frame: I am one of a kind because _____.</p> <p>Use this open-ended sentence frame to have students identify the special attributes about themselves that make them special or unique. Celebrate the diversity in your classroom by sharing what each person sees as their gift to the classroom community.</p> 
<p>Link</p>	<p>Connect this story to the 5 C's of citizenship as we take care of each other and our school by cherishing the treasures that are in all of us.</p>
<p>Optional Extensions</p>	<p>Create an Elmer the Elephant patchwork with words or images that make your classroom special or each person special. (Can be done individually or as a group). See <a href="#">some images</a> for inspiration.</p>