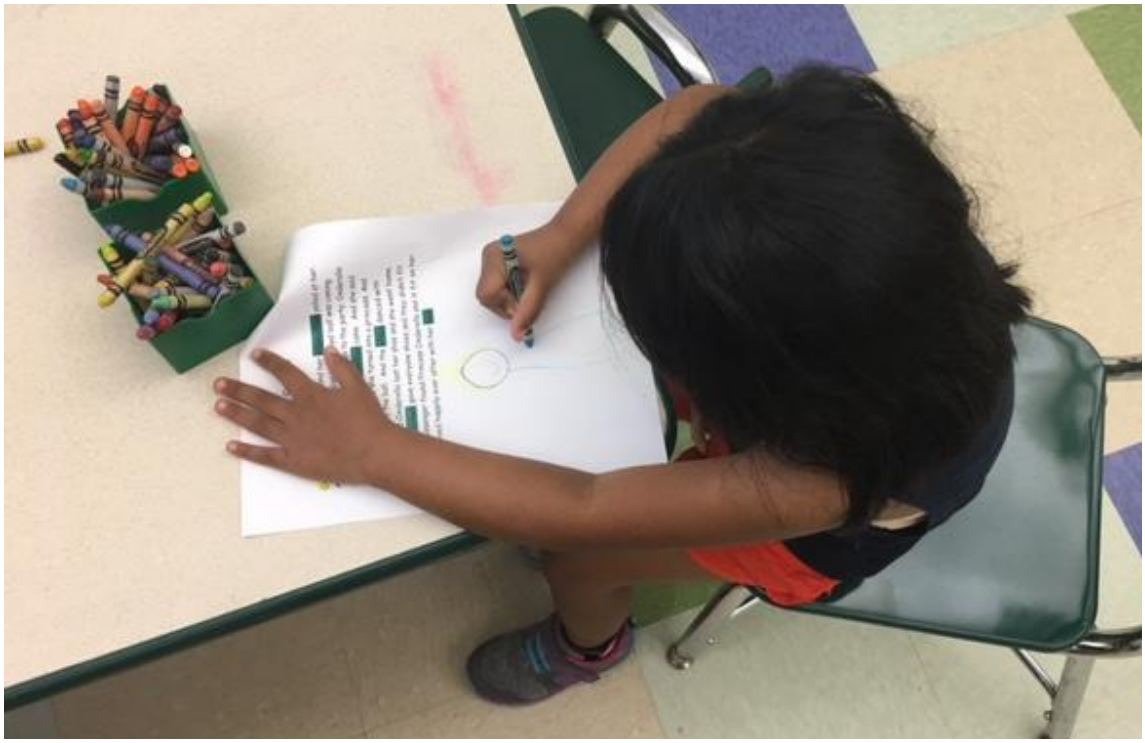
Classroom Extensions

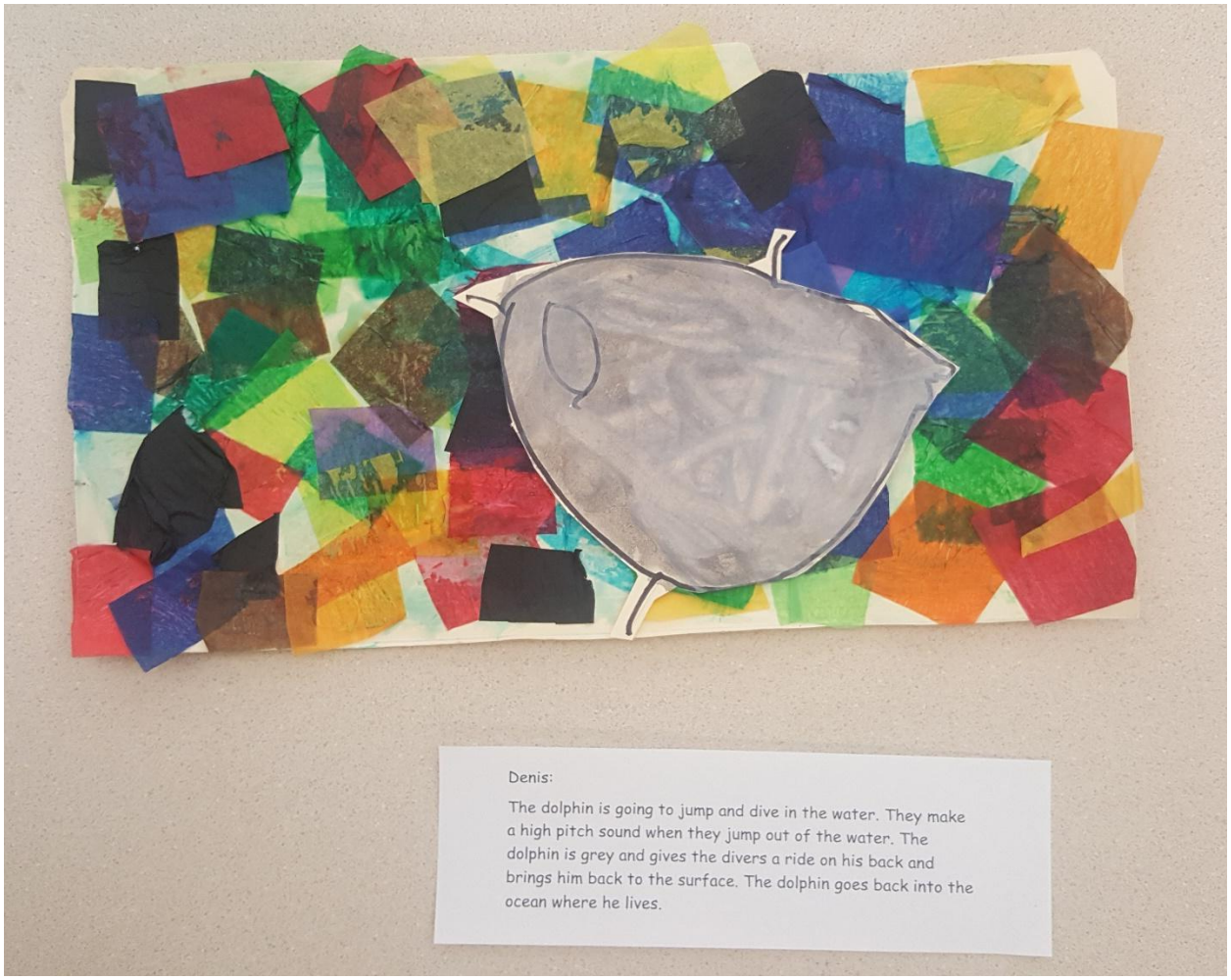
STSA easily lends itself to many classroom extensions. Many teachers have had children illustrate pictures that go with a story. A collage could also be used to represent a child's story. With a teacher's help, children could make individual small books illustrating their story over many pages.

Family Involvement

STSA as a practice lends itself readily to making home to school connections. A great way to introduce families to STSA is through a newsletter, with a guide, short video, or at a parent-teacher gathering. At an open house, family breakfast, or similar event, the teacher could demonstrate STSA with parents and caregivers as the audience and actors. Showing families how easily STSA can be done in the home or anywhere else is a great way to engage children in telling narratives at home and exposing them to additional writing.

Many families from Culturally and Linguistically Diverse backgrounds may have experiences with storytelling in their homes and communities. This storytelling experience could be celebrated in the classroom and with the children and their families. Inviting parents and family members in to tell stories, fiction or nonfiction, in English or in other languages, is a great way to engage families and to reinvigorate STSA inspirations for students.

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The dolphin is going to jump and dive in the water. They make a high pitch sound when they jump out of the water. The dolphin is grey and gives the divers a ride on his back and brings him back to the surface. The dolphin goes back into the ocean where he lives.