

Concept Adaptation

Significant Question

What impact does adaptation have on cultures and environments?

Masterwork

Lucas

Chuck Close

1986 - 87

Oil and graphite on canvas



Click here to see the original photograph from which this painting was adapted.

What is a *Concept*?

An organizing idea or mental construct that is timeless and universal - powerfully linking various topics while crossing multiple disciplines of study.

What is a *Significant Question*?

An overarching question that frames the inquiry by challenging assumptions. This point of reference generates researchable investigations to produce diverse answers.

What is a *Masterwork*?

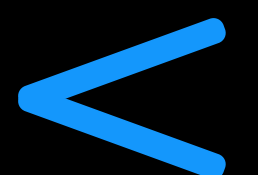
Any human achievement that has exerted influence and regarded to be the best example of the genre. It embodies a significant innovation, theory or insight and has the intrinsic power to engage across disciplines and cultures.



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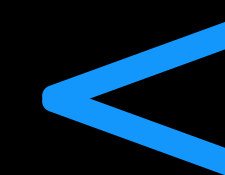
Original photograph Chuck Close adapted for his painting of *Lucas*.



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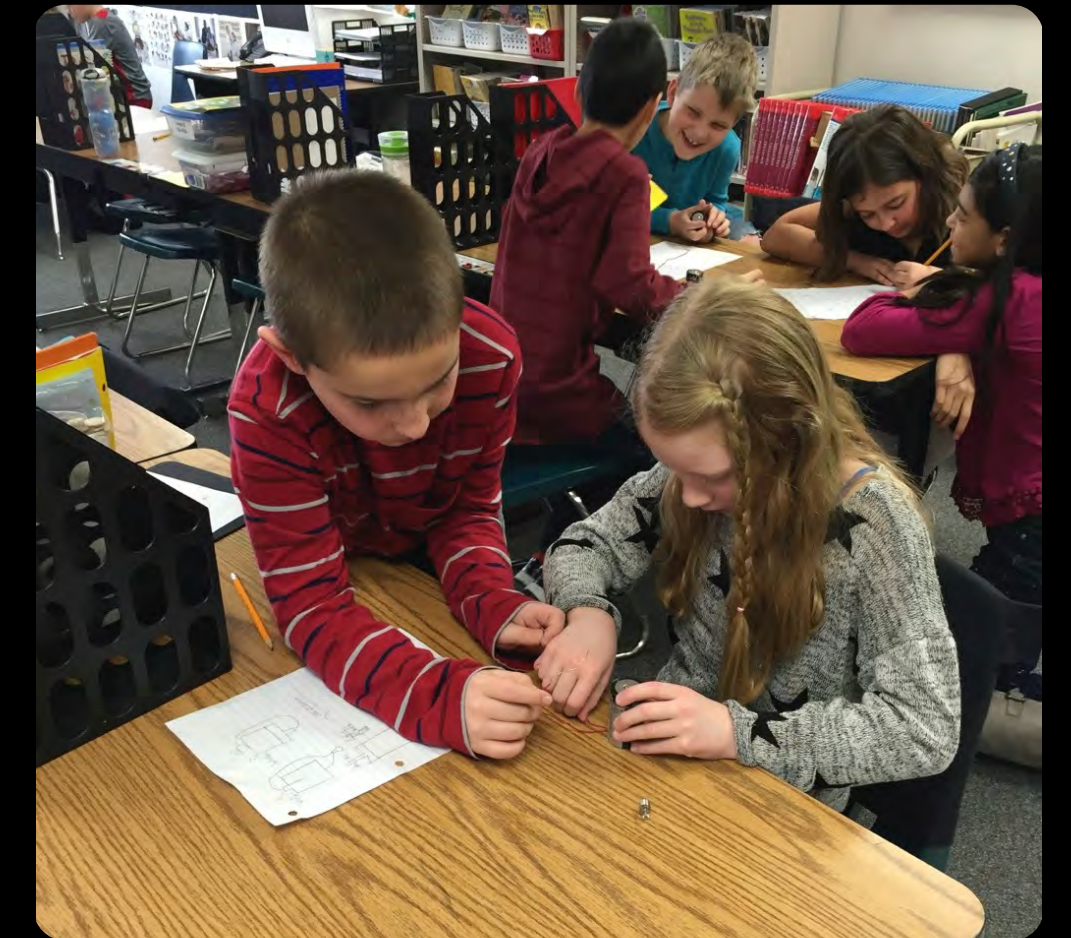


Masterwork Experience

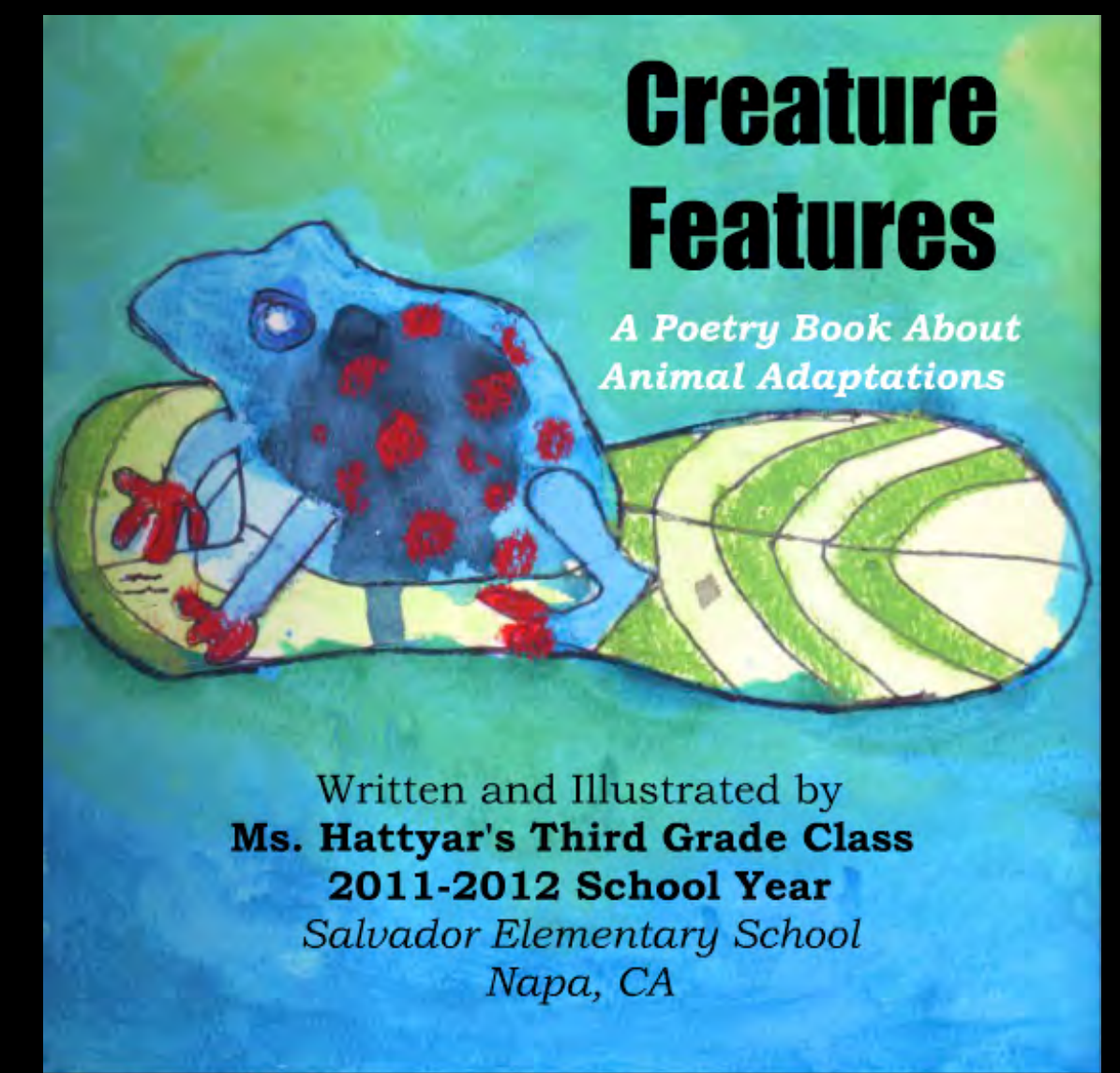


Adaptation Unit of Study Overview

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Inquiry Centers



Original Creation



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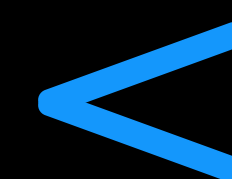
Educators differentiate experiences for the visual, auditory and kinesthetic learners with arts-based skills & strategies. Whether physicalizing the concept through tableaux or adapting the color scheme of Vincent van Gogh's *The Starry Night* - every student has an opportunity to express understanding.



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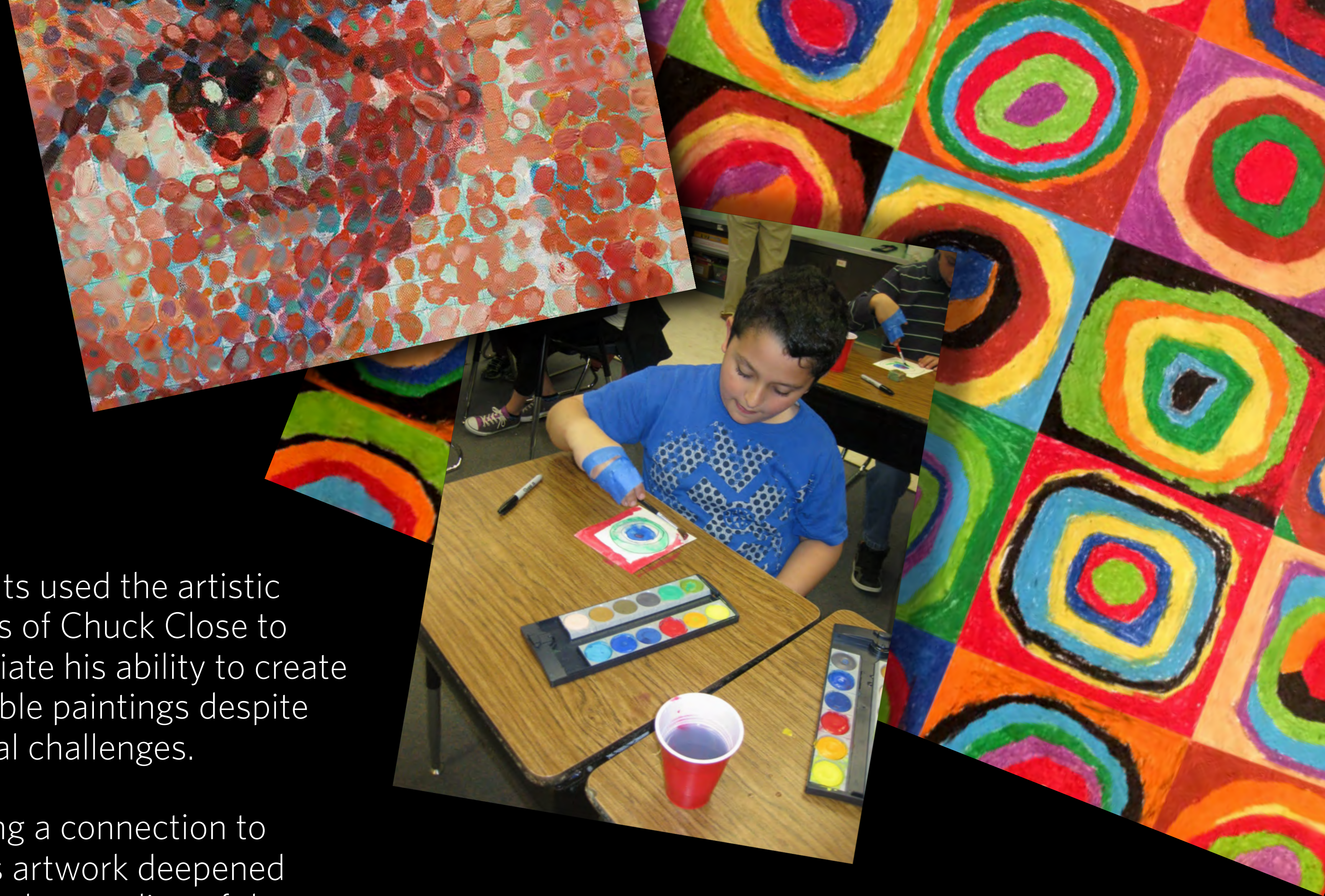
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Masterwork Experience

Students used the artistic process of Chuck Close to appreciate his ability to create incredible paintings despite physical challenges.

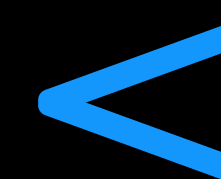
Creating a connection to Close's artwork deepened their understanding of the adaptation concept.



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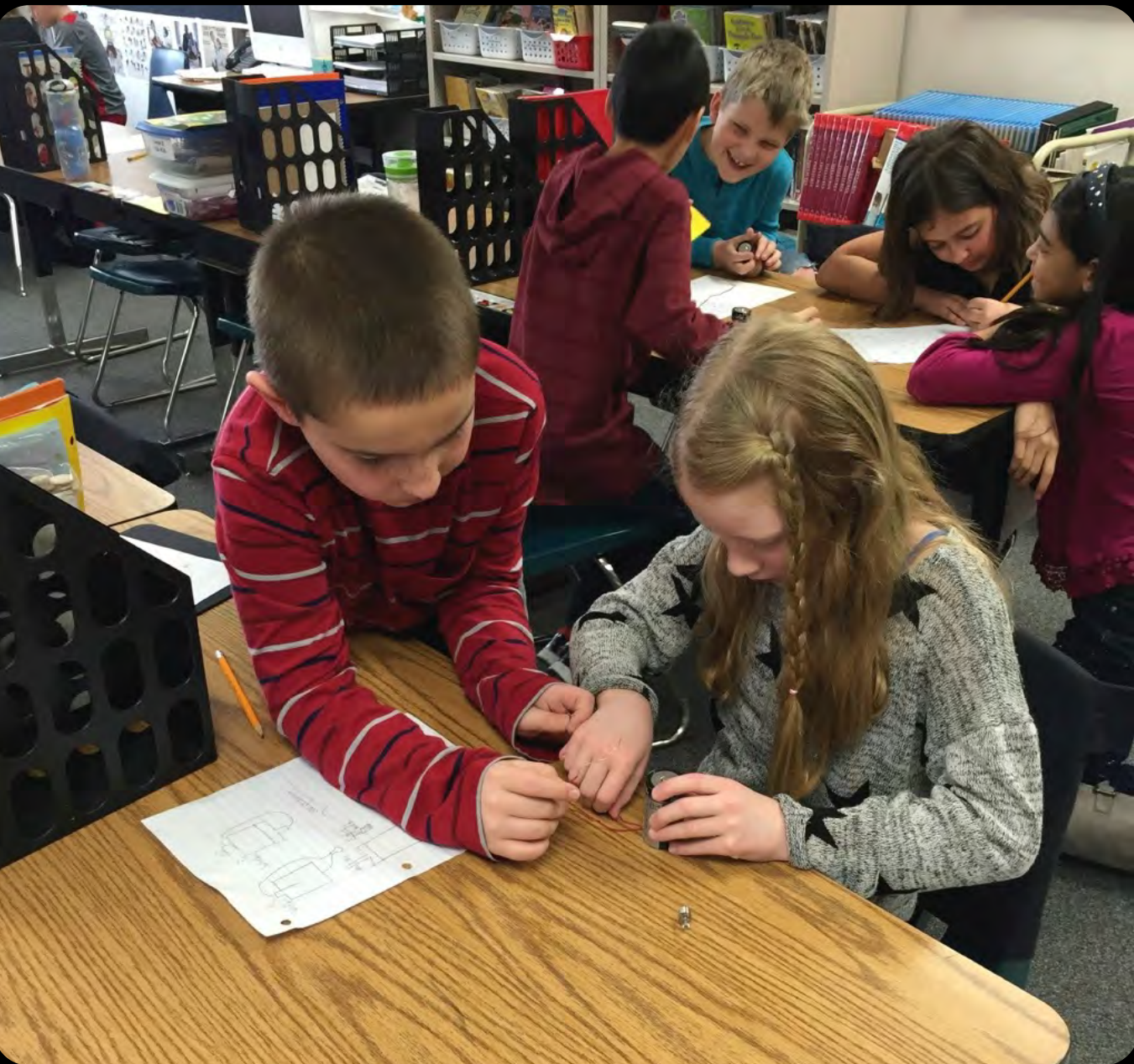


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Rigorous unit design allows for active, intense and constructivist investigation during the inquiry phase of the model.



Inquiry Centers

Collaboration, critical thinking, communication and creativity allow for a myriad of student and educator exchanges.

Integrated centers included:

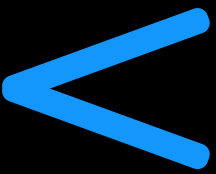
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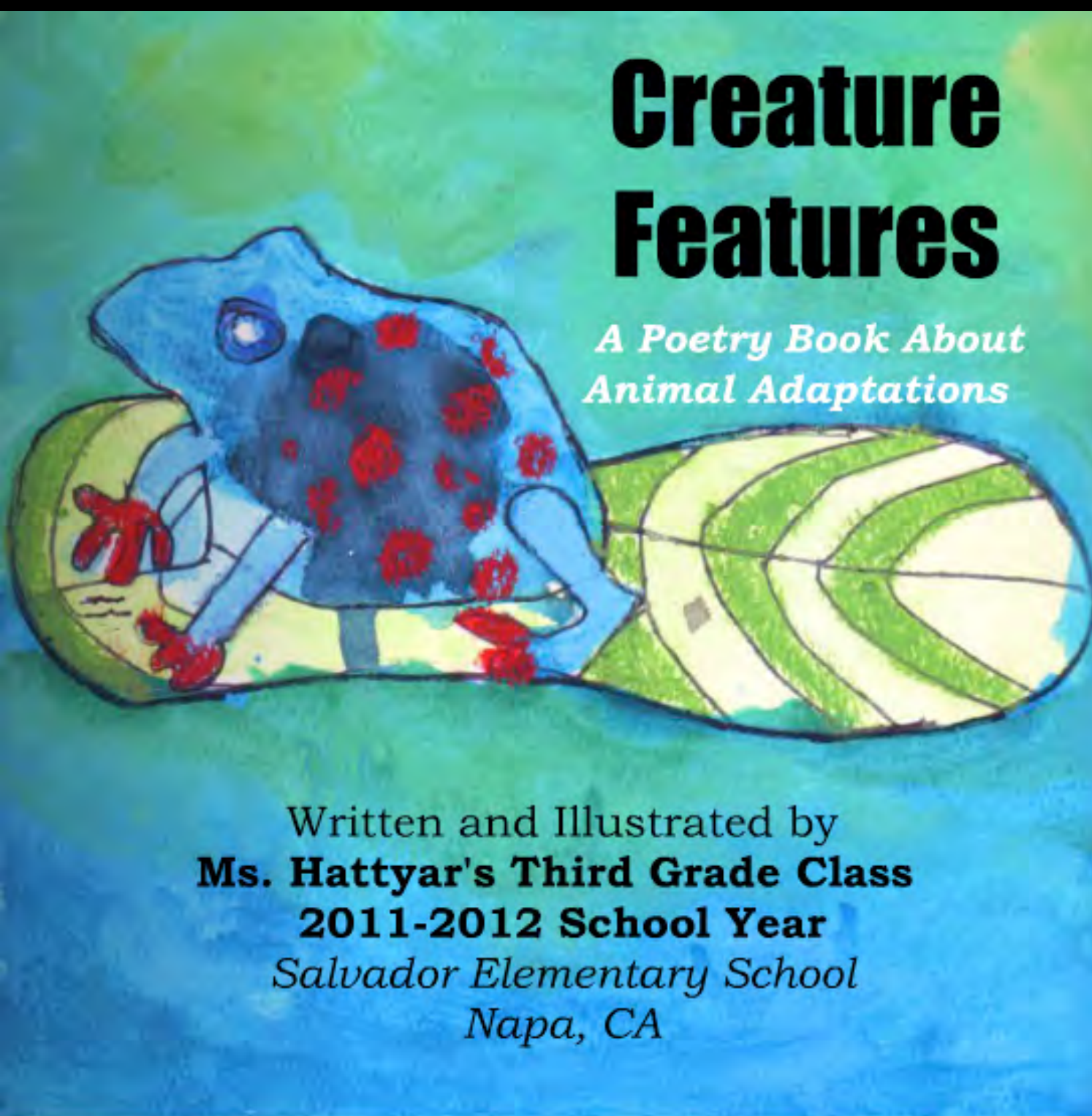


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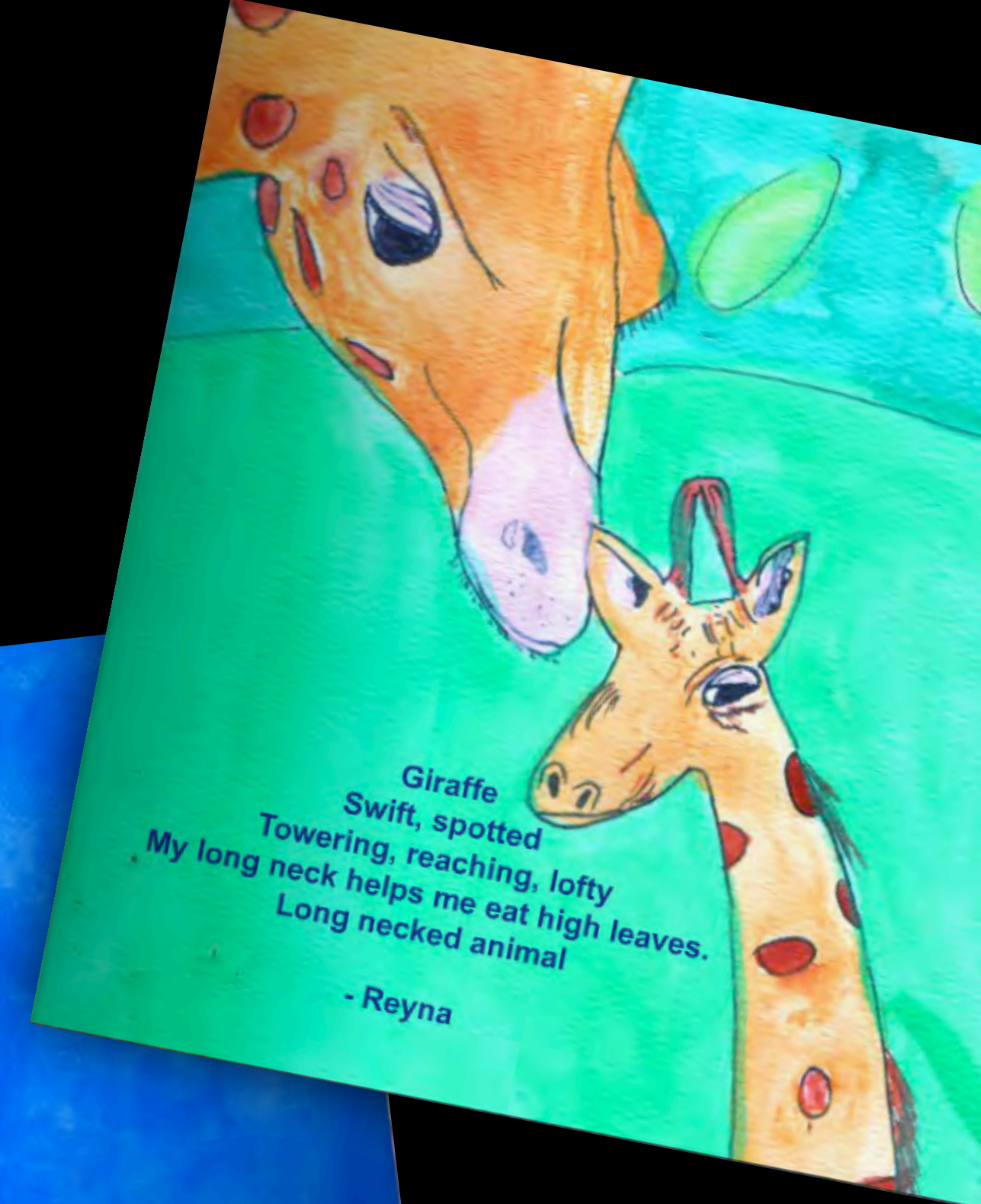
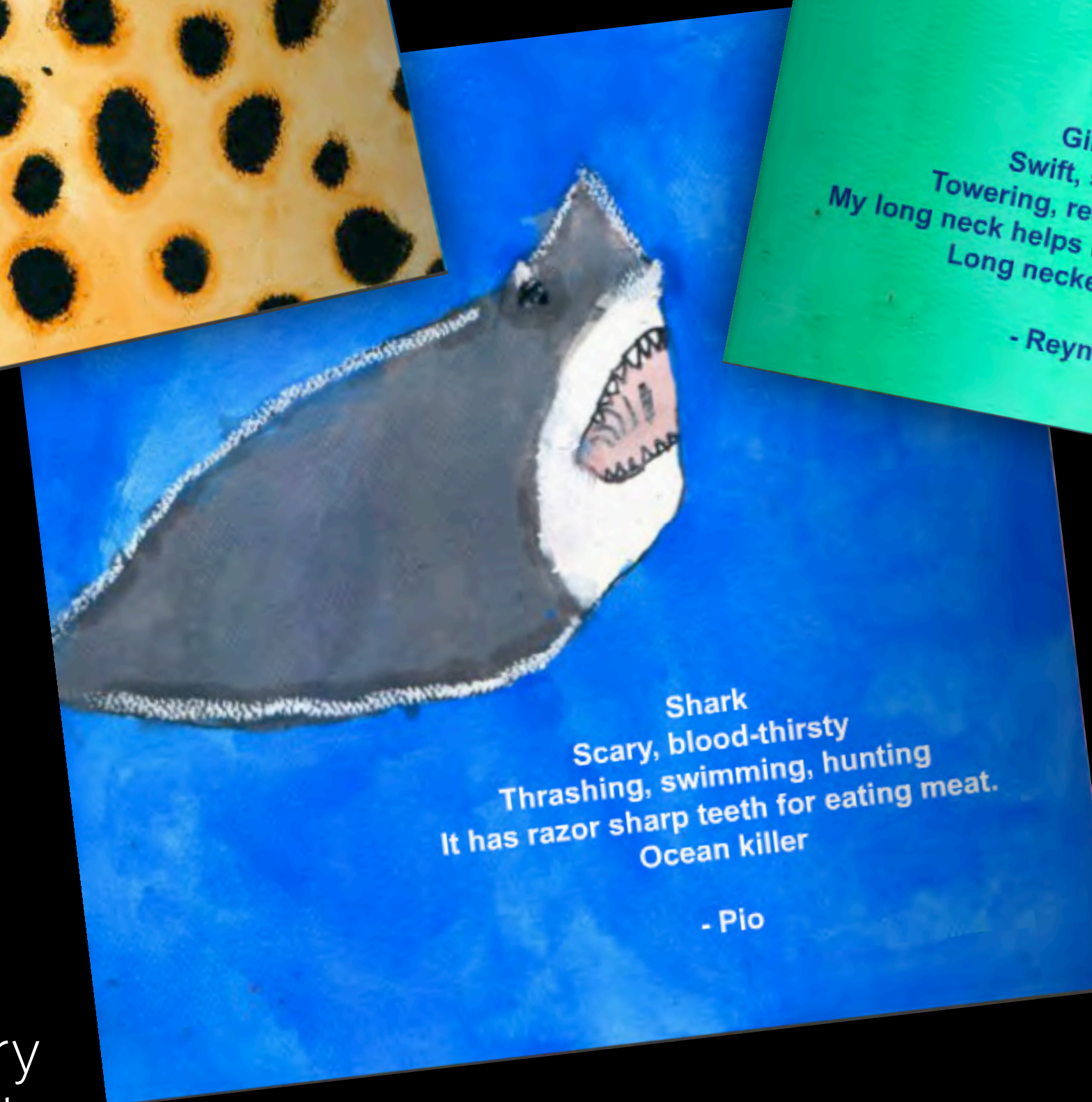
Students published a book of mixed media artwork and poetry showcasing animal adaptations.



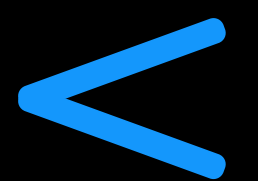
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Common Core Reading and Writing Production Standards fused with Life Sciences and Visual Arts Standards comprised the interdisciplinary construct.

A focus on academic vocabulary and artistic fluency empowered students to produce this rich and vibrant tome.



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