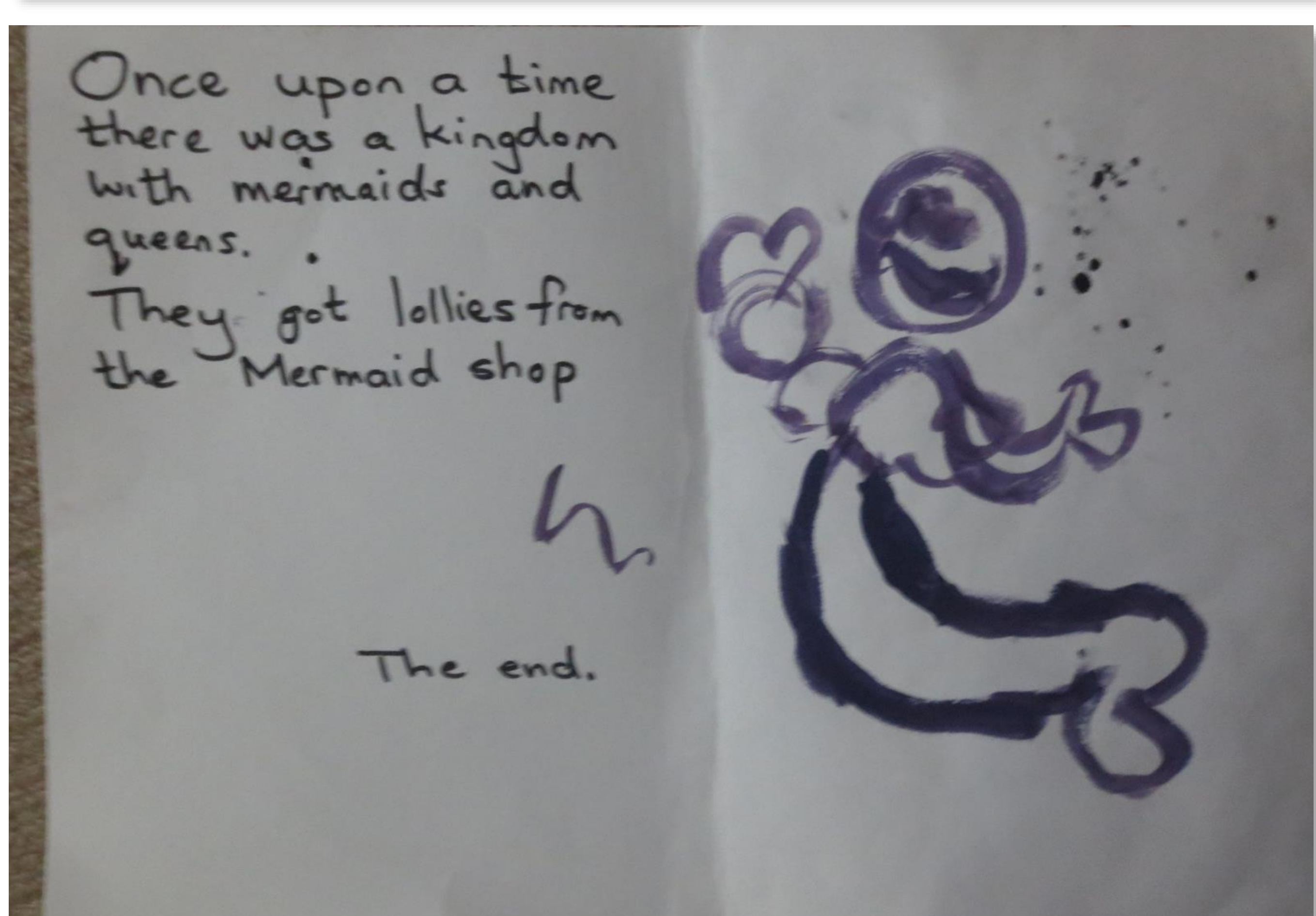


Once upon a time...the end...



Recent research has viewed narrative as the vehicle through which children become socialized. Thus great emphasis has been placed on the ways in which children learn shared habits of mind and interaction through their storytelling. (Nelson, Engel & Brice Heath 1985)

Creating a story does many things for a child. One function storytelling serves for the young child is to create a bridge between the self and important others – friends, teachers and parents. Research has shown how children acquire the storytelling habits and values of their culture, how they become more able to use stories in social interactions, and how these interactions then shape their representations of experience.