Reading a Turnip Tale
Writing about Roots - Lesson 5

For the Classroom
- Group structure - in small groups
- Location - at seats
- Approximate time - 20 minutes

Common Core and Georgia Standards of Excellence
- CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RL.3.2. Recount stories, including fables, folktales, and myths from diverse cultures; determine the central message, lesson, or moral and explain how it is conveyed through key details in the text.
- CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RL.3.3. Describe characters in a story (e.g., their traits, motivations, or feelings) and explain how their actions contribute to the sequence of events

Materials
- “Grandma Lena’s Big Ol’ Turnip” by Denia Hester

Directions
Children can read “Grandma Lena’s Big Ol’ Turnip” by Denia Hester together in a small group.

When they have finished reading, they can recount the story answering questions such as:
- Who is the main character? What are we learning about her - her traits, feelings, motivations?
- What was the central message of the story?