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THE WORDS OF WILLIAM FAULKNER

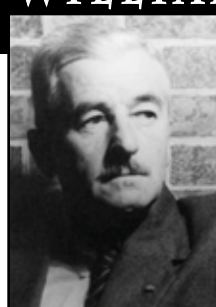


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William Faulkner (September 25, 1897 – July 6, 1962) was a 20th Century Nobel Prize winning Mississippi writer who created the mythical Mississippi county of Yoknapatawpha.

“Always dream and shoot higher than you know you can do. Don’t bother just to be better than your contemporaries or predecessors. Try to be better than yourself.”

The Staff of The Learning Curve reminds you, **Value Your Education!**

Learn more about William Faulkner online at Wikipedia.

Gray & Associates is always on the lookout for competent tutors. Call us if you are interested at 601/352-5512.

A REMINDER TO PARENTS:

GET A HEAD START in after school private tutoring for grades K-12. Make your child’s school experience a real success story!

- One-on-one sessions
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- All subject areas



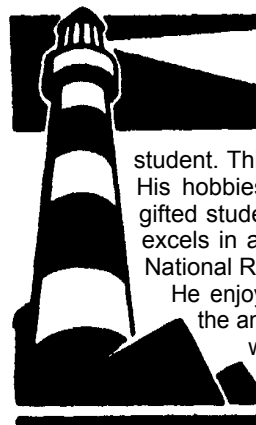
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SCHOOL BEGINS MONDAY, AUGUST 16 . . . SHARPEN YOUR PENCILS!

OFF THE CHARTS!

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IN THE SPOTLIGHT!

Ron Allen, a fifth grade student at Pecan Park Elementary School, is a very courteous, respectful, and intelligent student. This is his first time attending The Summer Learning Academy. His hobbies include reading, math, science, Open Doors (a class for gifted students), doing projects, playing with animals, and football. Ron excels in art and has received an award for his poster drawing during National Red Ribbon Drug Awareness Week.

He enjoys playing on his grandfather’s farm and helping take care of the animals. He attends St. Paul Church in Jackson, Mississippi. Ron would like to work with the Canine Police and also become a professional football player. His favorite NFL team is the Pittsburgh Steelers. When asked if Ron had a favorite scripture from the Bible, he replied, “I like all of them.”

Cathy Terrell, Ron’s teacher, remarks: “Ron is bright and confident. He enjoys academic challenges and is willing to meet them head on. He enjoys learning.”



Ron at this year’s Summer Learning Academy.

The Learning Curve’s Summer Learning Academy

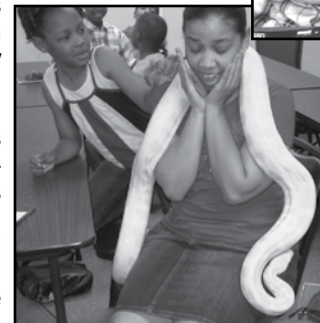
Our Summer Learning Academy is about to enjoy its last week of the season, and we here at The Learning Curve are so grateful to have had the opportunity to work with these delightful students. We have had a really wonderful time for the last two months. With the help of dedicated teachers, students from kindergarten through 8th grade worked on summer book projects. We wisely dedicated part our summer break to language arts and math enrichment in preparation for the new school year.

We didn’t just work, though. Our students had lots of outdoor play-time, movies, lunches and snacks, games, computer time, as well as enlightening field trips and speakers. We



went to museums, the zoo, the planetarium, bowling, and parks. Here at The Learning Curve, Mr. King with the Memphis and Jackson Zoo

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Percy King, the Jackson Zoo’s “Snake Man,” entertained the children with a few of his scaly friends.



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STAFF & TEACHERS BENEFIT FROM WORKSHOP

The staff and teachers of The Learning Curve were treated to a very informative Professional Development workshop on Classroom Management from Tunja L. Smith, a National Board Certified teacher, with a BS from Mississippi State, an M. Ed. From JSU, and an Ed.S. from Mississippi College.

Tunja Smith has educated 5th – 8th grade students in Mississippi for the past 15 years. As a classroom teacher, she taught elementary and middle school math and became a National Board Certified teacher. Currently, she serves educators in Mississippi and Louisiana as a Math Improvement Coach. She works in the capacity of a consultant with middle and high school math teachers

across those states. Tunja assists her teachers with the planning of instruction which incorporates the practices that are proven to help beginner students succeed.

At Mississippi College, Tunja coaches beginning teachers by supervising them in their student teaching experience. She is also a professional life coach. She earned her personal growth and development certification from the CAPP Institute in Atlanta, Georgia. The heart of her coaching call lies in her desire to coach individuals into living a life of passion and purpose by helping them (1) to get clear on what matters, (2) to eliminate energy drains, and (3) to stay committed to their personal growth and development.

Did you struggle with schoolwork last year? Don't fall behind First Term. Call or stop by to add your name to the waiting list for **Private Tutoring** or the **After School Program** for the 2010-2011 school year. Get homework help, MCT/SATP practice, and extra assistance with low performance areas.



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• Licensed Teachers	• Monday – Friday
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• All subject areas	• Snack Provided

The Learning Curve

The Learning Curve, founded in 1988 as a division of Gray & Associates, works closely with school districts in Mississippi, providing educational services to Mississippi schools based on the Mississippi Department of Education Frameworks. These services and programs include: After School Programs, Summer Enrichment, and Private Tutoring.

The Learning Curve takes quite seriously the public mandate to teach our children. We are turning the No Child Left Behind initiative from a dream into a reality each day.

We have been awarded a 21st Century Community Learning Center Grant from the Mississippi State Department of Education to work with Brinkley, Hardy, Peebles, North West, and Blackburn Middle Schools here in Jackson.

Did you know?

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- The full moon on the night of August 24 will be the most distant and therefore the smallest of the year.
- ☉ Earth is located in the sun's outer atmosphere, buffeted by solar winds (a stream of charged particles

ejected from the upper atmosphere of the Sun) and pelted by hail storms of energetic particles. (from the Wikipedia article on Solar Wind)



Swine Flu & Other Respiratory Illnesses

To prevent the spread of germs, wash your hands with soap and water often. When you need to sneeze, use a tissue and dispose of it properly in the trash. If you do not have a tissue handy, cover your sneeze with your sleeve, **not** your hand.

The Learning Curve ADULT EDUCATION



The Learning Curve is geared toward achieving successful and happy futures for adults as well as young students. We are a Mississippi Licensed Proprietary School #C639. We offer Career Advantage Classes in: Medical Assisting & Office Systems Technology with a Microsoft Certified Professional.

If you are ready for a career change, or you simply want to improve your marketable skills, or authenticate and certify the qualifications that you already have, call our Career Services Specialist for The Learning Curve at 601/352-5321.

Off the Charts!

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A "learning curve" is a mathematical chart that displays educational progress measured against the time it takes for students to achieve mastery in their chosen subject. "Off the charts" means to perform much better than usual. The Learning Curve would like to help all Mississippi students send their grades soaring "Off The Charts!"

ACT WORKSHOP SCHEDULE COMING NEXT ISSUE!

July & August Birthdays

Fredia Ward.....July 2	Lillian Dozier.....August 4
Ervin Honer.....July 3	Canindra Henderson...August 4
Corey Patrick.....July 4	Rekio Benton.....August 5
Ali'zandria Husband.....July 5	Tracy Pitts.....August 9
Samantha West.....July 14	Latrina Gray.....August 12
Rosa Townsend.....July 19	Tony Davis.....August 17
Janel Ward July.....July 19	Vanzosha Patrick.....August 17
Dwight E. Patrick.....July 20	Ashley Morgan.....August 19
Johnny Ward.....July 20	Etoia Tolbert.....August 26
Lena S. Tyler.....July 28	Wesley Ward.....August 26
Nzinga Cummings.....August 1	Tiffany Mangum.....August 27

Briana Thompson.....August 28

Summer Learning Academy

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brought snakes, a huge snapping turtle, scorpions, and other reptiles. Students had a chance to touch and hold the animals. Artist Jessie Chambers displayed his talented artwork, and allowed the students to draw Fathers' Day pictures. Coach Ray Caldwell from Belhaven University spoke to our students on sportsmanship and what it takes to be a team player. Mr. Addison, a nutritionist with the Jackson Heart Study spoke on eating healthy and staying fit. Johnny Bergess with Montage Theatre of Dance taught our students the basics of hip-hop, and Officer Banks with the JPD Education Depart-

ment spoke on juvenile crime, safety, and respect for elders. Many thanks also to Mr. Juan Gray for the BBQ lunch as well.

The last week of July 26 – 30 was our International Week. Students visited the Smith Robinson Museum, created a cultural class project, had an ethnically diverse meal, dressed to represent a particular culture, and then had our closing program. The Learning Curve's Summer Learning Academy was time well spent.

Many thanks to teachers, students, parents, staff, and presenters for a very fun summer!

Thanks to all who contributed to the multi-cultural meal July 28th that consisted of Mexican, Oriental, Italian, French, German, Tropical, and American cuisine. Everyone had a very good and worldly time.

Our Summer Learning Academy has its Grand Finale on July 30 when students present their Summer Reading Projects and receive certificates! We hope to see you all during this school year and again next Summer!