

ACROSS

- 2. eating outside from a basket
- 4. the wettest sport
- 5. two wheels and handlebars
- 6. throwing a plastic disc
- 10. planting flowers
- 12. an outdoor public area
- 13. vacationing in the woods in a tent
- 15. our country's birthday
- 16. played on a diamond
- 17. a seat on ropes
- 18. day to celebrate dad
- 19. walking outside along trails

DOWN

- 1. done with an oar, a sail, or a motor
- 3. one limb at a time to the top
- 7. sweet and eaten from a cone
- 8. day to remember fallen soldiers
- 9. cooking over coals
- 11. July 4th colorful display
- 14. dogs, cats, goldfish, and hamsters



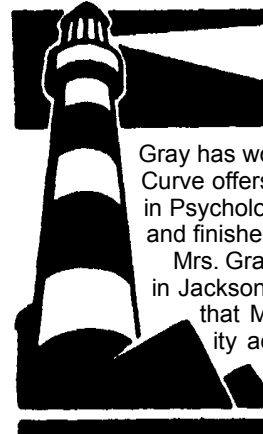
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OFF THE CHARTS!

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IN THE SPOTLIGHT!

Mrs. Latrina Gray serves as the Director of Gray & Associates, Inc./The Learning Curve. For the past seven years, Mrs. Gray has worked effectively developing all of the programs The Learning Curve offers. Mrs. Gray graduated from the University of MS with a B.A. in Psychology. She then attended the University of Southern Mississippi and finished her masters in Instructional Technology.

Mrs. Gray began working as a reading teacher at Morrison Elementary in Jackson. It was not long after her years of working in the classroom that Mrs. Gray realized the youth in Jackson needed extra quality academic assistance. She and her husband, Mr. Juan Gray, (CEO), then wrote a proposal to start after school programs. Mrs. Gray travels weekly overseeing the tutors’ and students’ academic performance during Gray & Associates’ after school programs.

Mrs. Gray attends Big Creek Baptist Church in Byram, Mississippi where she serves as Vice President of the Mission Department, Chair of the Pastor Aide Committee, and is a member of the Program Committee. She has three sons, Juan Jr., Jamon, and Dylan, and one daughter, Brooke. Her favorite past-times are spending time with family, reading good books, and traveling.



We salute Mrs. Gray for all of her hard work and achievements!

What others say...

“I truly admire Mrs. Gray. She is a great leader who strives for the best in everything she does.” **Kim Moore**

“It is an honor and a privilege to work with Mrs. Gray.” **Travis Ward**

“Although Mrs. Gray is down to earth, she is still serious. She is one of the best superiors I have had the pleasure to work for.” **Michelle Dorsey**

“I’ve watched Mrs. Gray for almost three years now as she deals with the day-to-day matters of office and family; these jobs are work enough for any lady. Yet she also chooses to take on the overwhelming task of helping to educate Mississippi’s children. Humanity moves forward through the efforts of people like Mrs. Latrina Gray.” **Kathy Pitts**

“Mrs. Gray is a very kind intelligent person who is highly driven and always considerate of others. She strives for excellence, which is important in any career. It is an honor and a pleasure to work with such an ambitious young woman.” **Learia Ward**

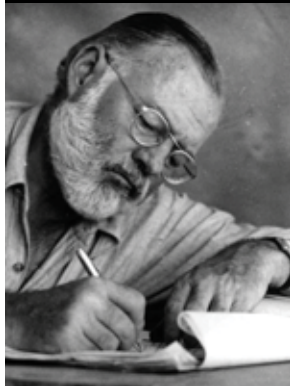
“Mrs Gray cares about the happiness and success of others, and offers them all the help and encouragement they need to succeed in life.” **Jennetta Morgan**

Scholar of the Year

The Learning Curve’s Scholar of the Year is **Amber Clincy**, a Senior at Jim Hill High School. Amber is a third year student with The Learning Curve who will be graduating this May with Honors.

The Learning Curve family is very proud of Amber and her accomplishment. We wish her all the best in her future endeavors. **Congratulations, Amber!**

THE WORDS OF ERNEST HEMINGWAY



Ernest Hemingway (July 21, 1899 – July 2, 1961) was a journalist and Nobel Prize winning American writer. He drove an ambulance at the Italian Front during World War I and was badly wounded. Some of his well-known works are: For Whom the Bell Tolls, A Farewell to Arms, and “The Snows of Kilimanjaro.” He worked hard to write simply and honestly. He enjoyed the outdoors and took many trips to Africa.

“I like to listen. I have learned a great deal from listening carefully. Most people never listen.”

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

Learn more about Ernest Hemingway online at Wikipedia.

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

A REMINDER TO STUDENTS:

Did you struggle with schoolwork last year? Don’t fall behind 1st Term. Sign the Waiting List for Private Tutoring or the After School Program for the 2010–2011 school year NOW! Get homework help, MCT2/SATP practice, and extra assistance with low performance areas.

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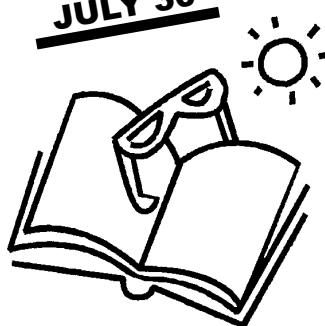
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Off the Charts!

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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!”

May & June Birthdays

Khandice Powell.....May 7	Barbara Tucker.....June 4
Michelle Wells.....May 13	Dean Clayhiggs.....June 8
Erica Patrick.....May 17	Ike Crudup.....June 9
Samuel White, Jr.May 17	Joe Neal Patrick.....June 9
Debbie Banks.....May 17	Deborah Patrick.....June 14
Jamon Gray.....May 19	Travis Ward.....June 15
Nathaniel Blanks.....May 29	Chassity Dykes.....June 20
Kathy Pitts.....June 22	

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.

Education can be fun!

The Learning Curve’s Summer Learning Academy is promising to be a lot of fun—and very educational—this year. There will be field trips to the zoo, the planetarium, agricultural, science, art, and sports museums. We will learn about safety and get lots of exercise. There will be lots of creative time with painting and writing stories, and there will even be a talent show. We will learn to eat healthy foods and exercise. There will be presentations about cultures that are different from our own. We will have movie days, hear interesting speakers, and listen to musicians. We will talk about our pets, and learn about space travel and the Solar System.

We will also find time to work hard on our Summer Reading Projects, play games, enjoy lunch and afternoon snacks, write on our journals, and most importantly, spend good times with our friends. Parents will be glad to know that The Learning Curve juggles fun with studies. Throughout our Summer Learning Academy, we reinforce students’ previous grade level skills while we introduce students to skills they will see in the upcoming school year. We entertain while we teach!

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.