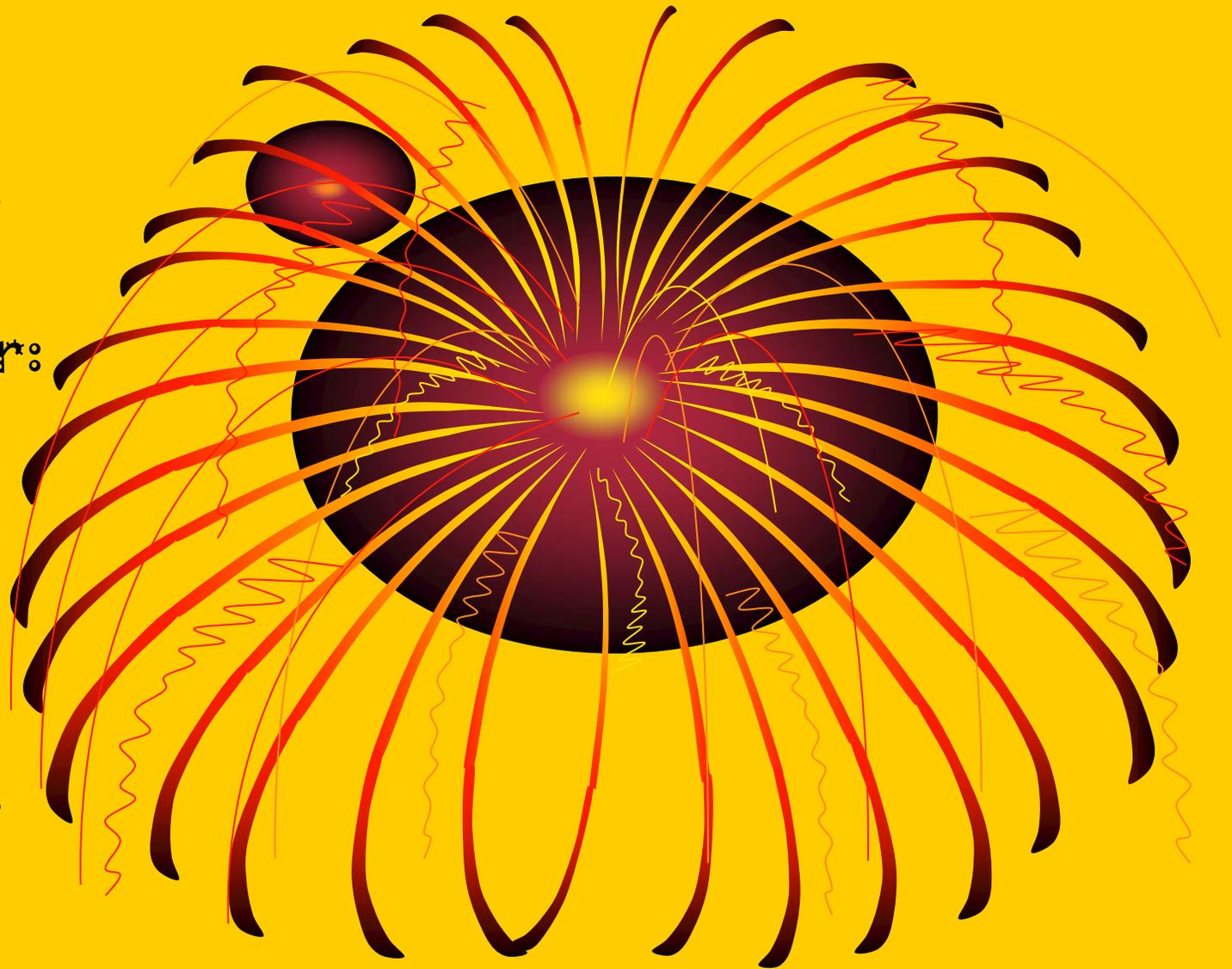


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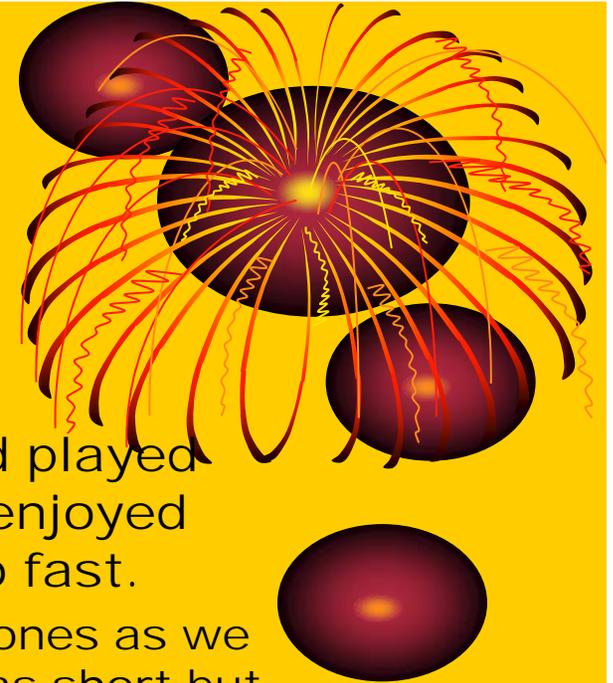
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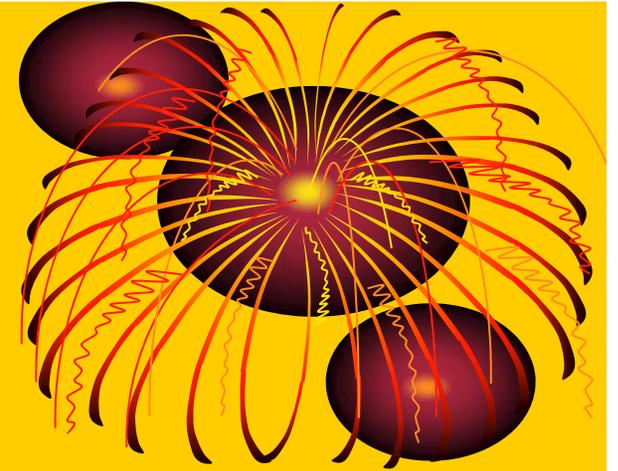
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1st visit

- Aleah: but after introducing one another and played 'telephone' and 'zombie in the grave yard' I enjoyed myself. I couldn't believe an hour pass by so fast.
- Danial: We had a productive time with the young ones as we participated in games and questions. The time was short but very enjoyable. The children had nice spirits for us, overall. I can't wait to continue the Blackshear adventures.
- Precious: The zombie game was the highlight of the visit. I really enjoyed that part and the kids seem to be enjoying it too. Precious: The zombie game was the highlight of the visit. I really enjoyed that part and the kids seem to be enjoying it too.
- Davita: I thought we were going to be in groups and start talking about writing. I guess we would do that for the next class. Then we played a game named zombie and it was really fun I felt like a kid again, and it really loosened up the kids.

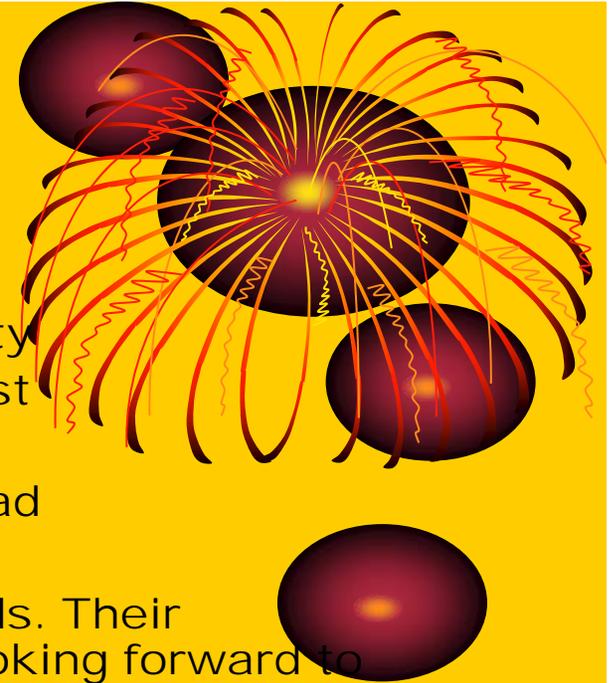


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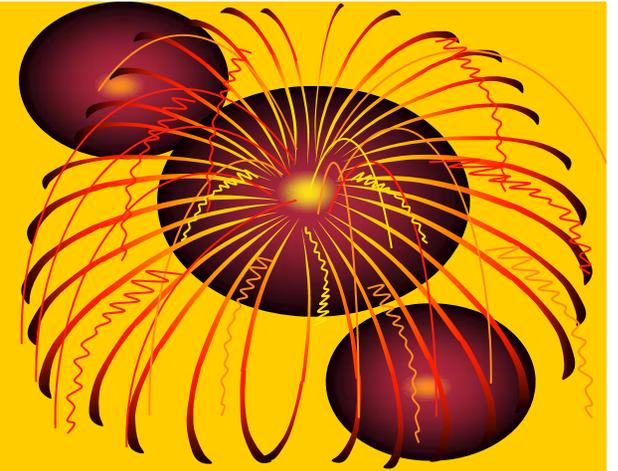


2nd visit

- Mojo: Our time spent at the Blackshear community center went well. The kids were a bit reserved at first but the icebreaker seemed to loosen them up well.
- Maurissa: Oh my goodness. Where do i begin? I had SUCH A GOOD time its unreal.
- Erica: I enjoyed it. I secretly like working with kids. Their responses are usually genuine and honest. I'm looking forward to next week.
- Kandyce: i think our second visit was a success. we got the kids to talk about their favorite teachers and what they liked about them. the zombie game helped a little too !
- Anthony: The group works well, and the material on the syllabus is a major help. the visit was very productive in making the children that much more comfortable for the weeks to come, and the work we will accomplish.

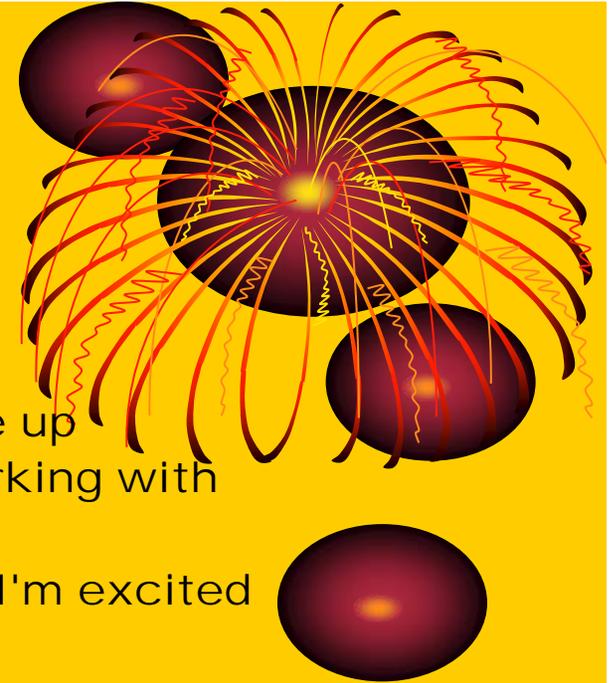


Hard at work.....
Or play! 😊

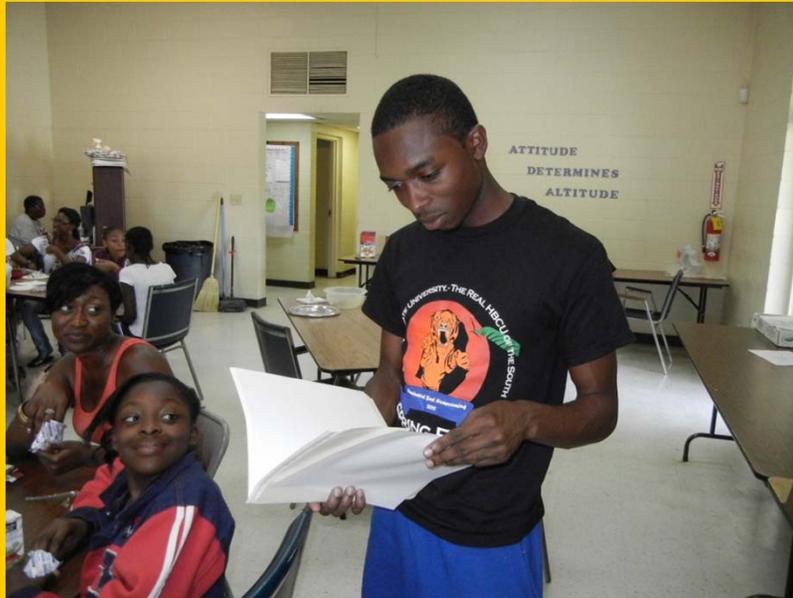
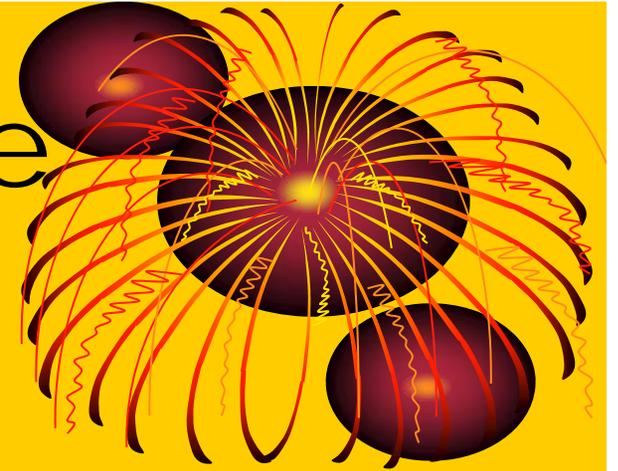


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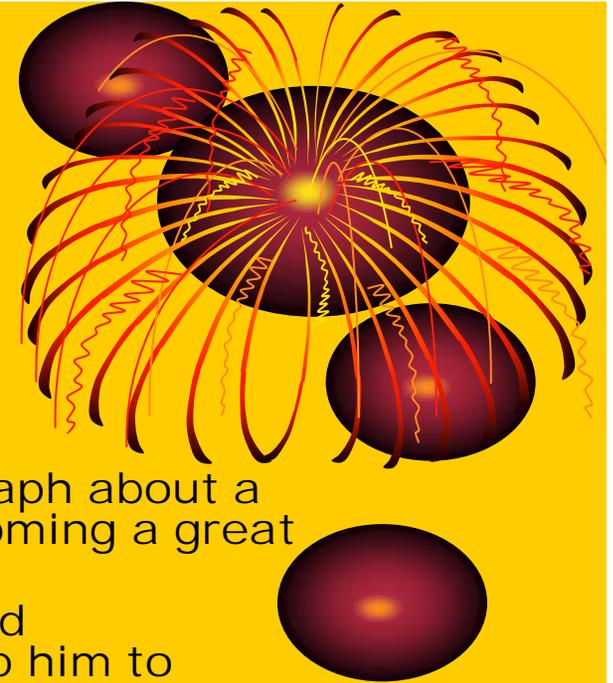
- Chris: My group worked with Nicole and Laura. They really impressed me with their ability to come up with three ideas for the topic. It felt good to be working with two young individuals that enjoy writing.
- Dominique: my group worked well together and I'm excited for the next visit.
- LaChina: I loved going to the community center because I loved to see the children excited to play and work with us. Overall it was great!!!
- Antoinette: The children of Blackshear Community Center were full of excitement, and they are greatly appreciated for allowing us to educate them. Lastly, I am looking forward to our next visit to see exactly where these children are as far as writing abilities.



Something intense
is happening...

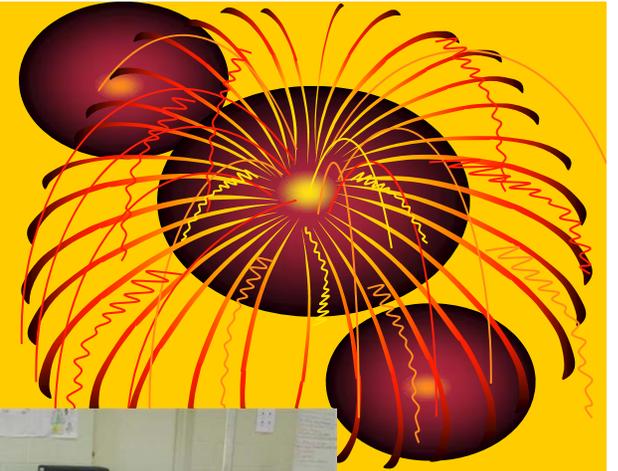


3rd & 4th Visits



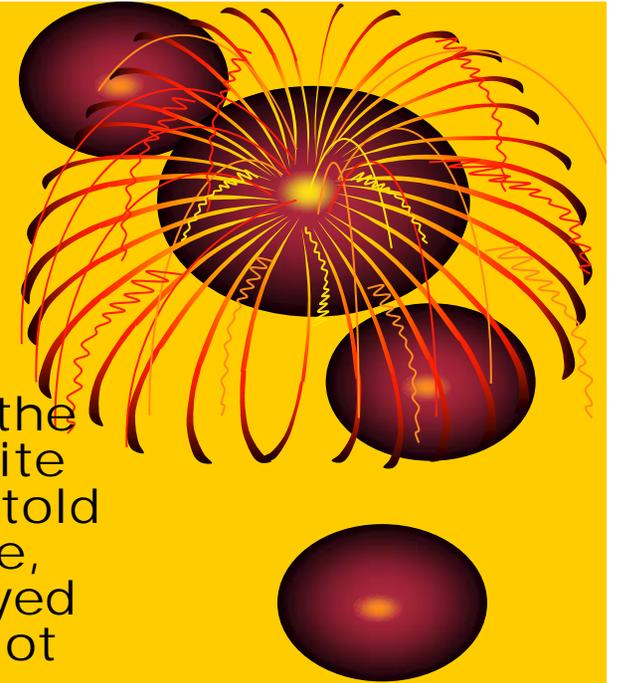
- Alisha: Our student has written a 6 sentence paragraph about a black historical figure. He is well on his way to becoming a great writer.
- La China: The student that we have is very smart and intellectual so we just love the fact that we can help him to advance his skills for the future. :)
- Cassandra: This visit was a little more exciting than the last Laci was more active with us then the last time. She is actually talking more and she remember one of our names so we know that she is paying attention to us.
- Deirdre: This visit was the best out of all the others. Today there was not much need for the icebreaker. Although he hardly shows expression, I think he really likes our visits with him. He did his homework. I am surprised. I wonder if I would have done homework from a group of college students when I was his age. We administered a spelling test today. He did better on this one than he did on the one before.

Last day - Oh, what fun!



5th visit

- Terrell: [Dr. Metts] gave us 3 topics that the kids could write about. They chose to write about their ultimate dream vacation. We told them to include "Who, What, When, Where, Why, and How". It seemed like they enjoyed the topic. I learned that the kids write a lot better when they are writing about something they are interested in.
- Brittany: Our visit to Blackshear this week was our best yet. Even though [Bri'] acted as if she was not fond of us taking pictures, I think she was actually really excited. She posed for the pictures and we all teamed up to make captions for the pictures.
- Naiyanna: I did view Jamari work. He looks to be an excellent writer. I wish i could've been there with him since day 1.

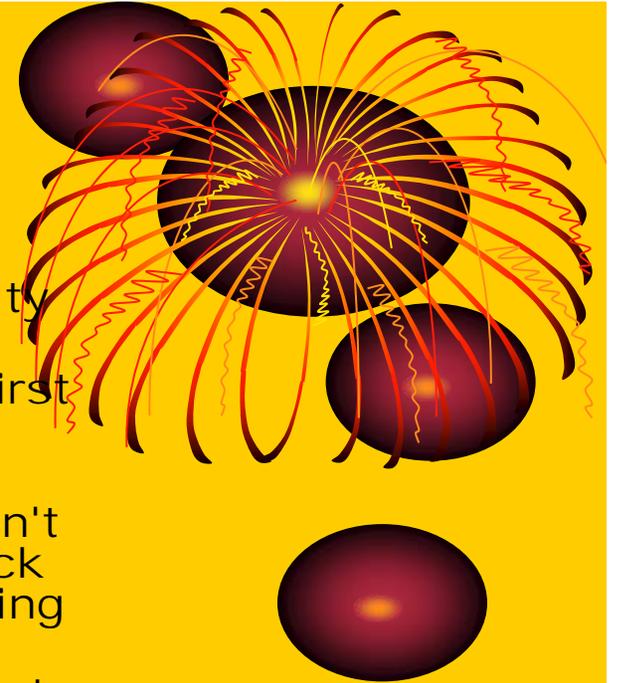


Celebrate!

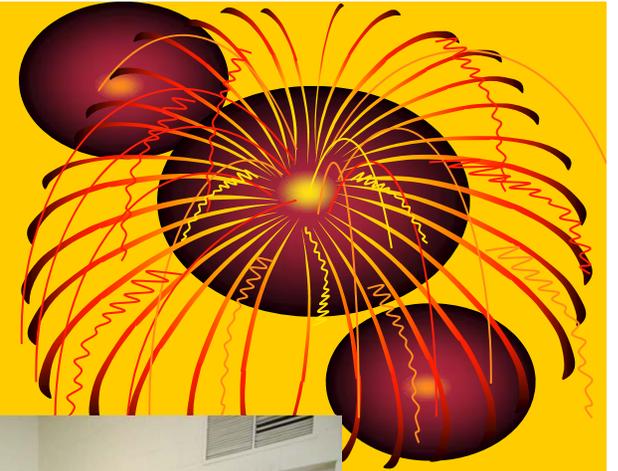


6th visit

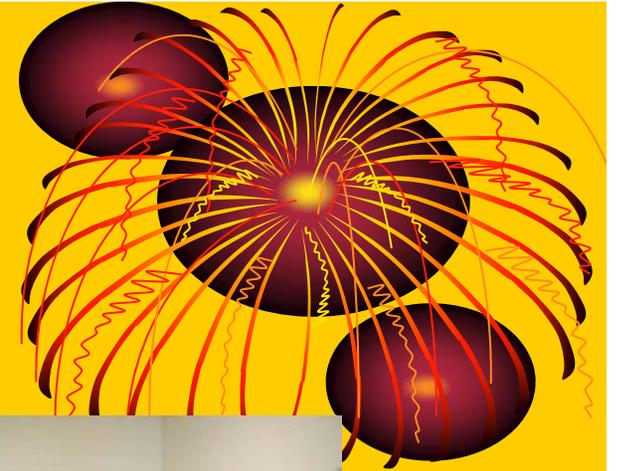
- Korbyn: Out last visit to the BlackShear Community Center took me back to the feeling of having the last day in school parties. Everybody was there first off and everybody was excited to celebrate.
- Dominique: This visit was the best visit ever. Bri' really liked her card and I could really tell she didn't want us to leave. She even invited us to come back to Blackshear for her birthday. I'm gonna miss going to see her.
- Courtney: I enjoyed the workshop. The director had stated that we can come back at any time. She also stated that she like how the workshop catered to not only the big kids but the small ones as well. I believe the children had a good time!
- Valorie: The visit to Blackshear this time was bitter sweet!!!! Although we've only known the children for an odd number of weeks, it felt like we were all one big family. During the passing out of the snacks I sat back and observed how the kids and us students interacted; it is clear that we truly wants the best for them! However, i didn't get any writing done, i was too busy smiling, laughing and enjoying myself!



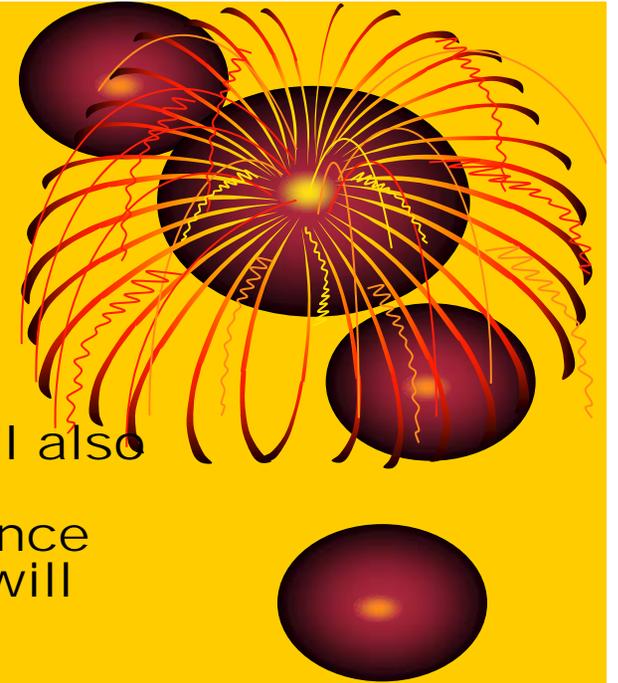
We've become friends..



Good time!

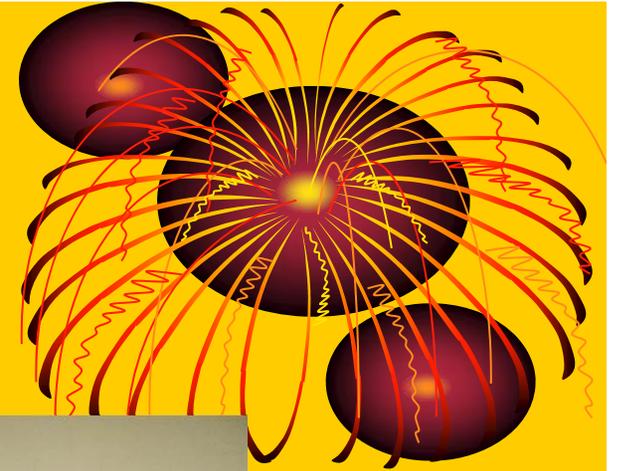


Blackshear Essay



- Jasmine: Along with teaching the students, I also learned many things about them and myself during the workshop. It was a great experience and I hope that more students and parents will get involved to ensure the success of their children.
- Naiyanna: I would love to go back this summer to see J'Mari, I mean i would really love to go back. But the only writing that we got accomplished was us writing in those cards. Jamari drew a picture for us, and it was a picture of us all sitting at the table.
- Mia: The Blackshear experience was definitely life changing for me. Although we did not accomplish exactly what we had planned we still were able to share our friendship with Bri' to the point where she began looking forward to us visiting her.

GROUP SHOT!



Teams

Dream Maker's Writing Team

- Mia
- Dominique
- Precious
- Maurissa
- Brittany

Food fighters

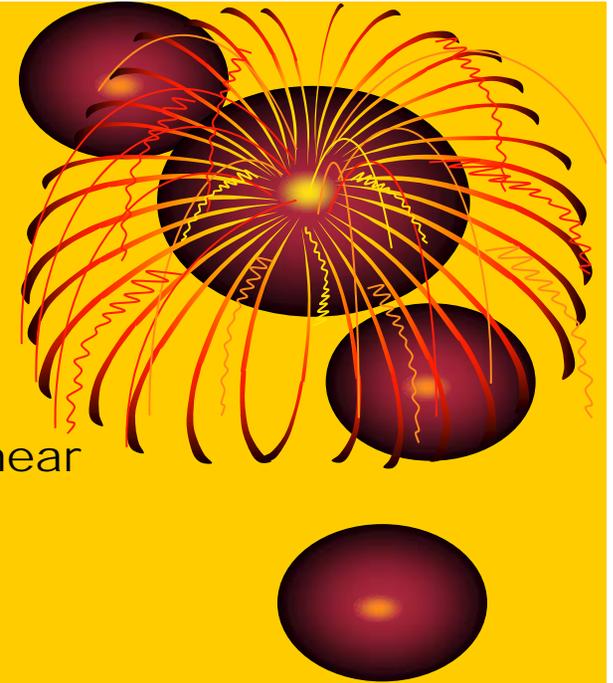
- Courtney
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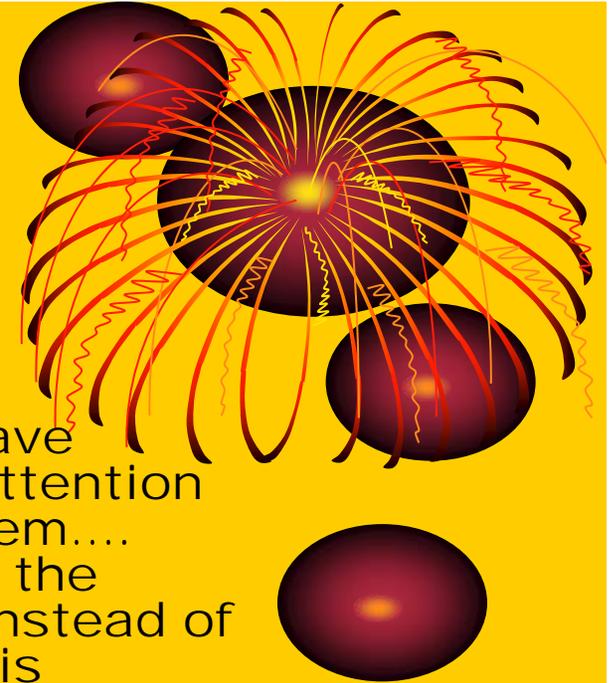
- Kandyce
- Danial
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- Antoinette

A New Beginning

- Chris
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- Davita
- Aleah
- Jasmine
- Terrell



A final word

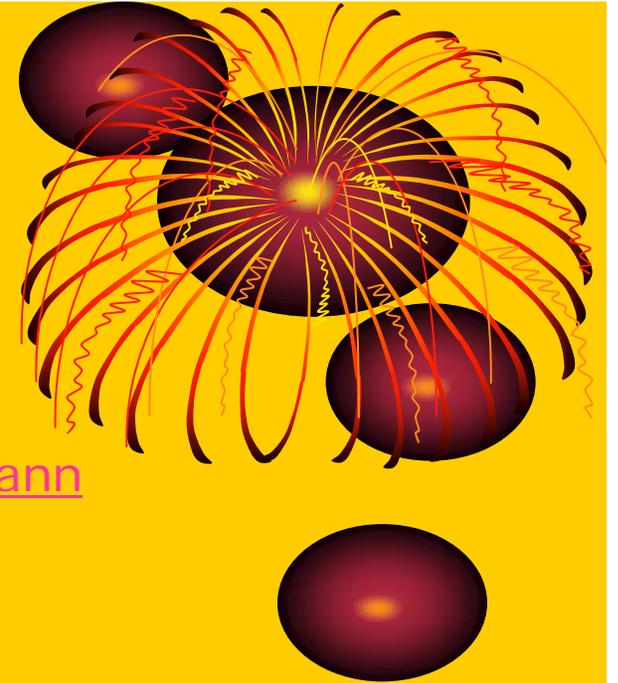


Ms. Dyanne Jones:

- With some of the SSU students, the kids have opened up. SSU students have kept their attention [with the smaller kids] and worked with them.... Not many people work with young kids but the [SSU students] have kept their attention. Instead of being distracted, their [the kids] attention is focused and they do what the SSU students assign them.
- It's a good program because it helps children relate to their writing

Dr. Rose Metts: This Writing Workshop was a first for me. I usually take a Freshman Composition class to a public elementary school to work with a class but I have never taken an Advanced Composition. The students were real "troopers." They not only planned the events for the youth but they showed flexibility, patience and enthusiasm. In fact, they are the ones who encouraged me! I'm glad that they enjoyed this time at Blackshear and just wait-- --"We'll be back!"

Video and news article - view these links!



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