



Reflections

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The stories in this publication were written by MCLC students whose tutors have encouraged them to write & experience the thrill of seeing their words in print. Reflections provides motivation for the improvement of their writing skills.

Student Spotlight: Pada



Pada is a bright spot in my day! For four months, she has arrived for her English classes promptly each Thursday with a cheerful smile, positive attitude, and an eagerness to begin work on continuing to improve her English language skills. During the conversation session of our class, Pada talks to me about her home, Thailand, which she left two years ago, the latest travel adventure she and her husband have taken around the US that usually includes hiking, cycling or camping, and what she's been doing in her flower garden. Pada's life is full, and our conversations are never dull! It's always a pleasure to visit and work with her as she continues to make great strides in working towards her goal of better using the English language.

-Susan Oriet, MCLC Tutor

A Camping Weekend at Jordan Lake

By Pada



One weekend, my husband and I went to Jordan Lake to camp with our friends. We had to be at Jordan Lake by 3:30 to check in and find our camp site. When we found the camp site, we had to set up the tent. We prepared the table for cooking and eating our food. We cooked BBQ meat, salad, and soup, then we had dinner together. After dinner, we slept in the tent.

The next day, we took the boat to the lake. We played on the wake board. Everybody played on the wake board, but not everyone played well. My husband's friends and my husband could stand up on the board for a long time. I couldn't stand up, but I tried many times. After wake boarding, we went back to the tent site. Then, we took the kids to play on the beach. They went swimming, played together, and had a lot of fun.

In the afternoon, my husband and I took our bicycles on the trail for one hour, then we went back to the camp site. We took a shower, then we set the table for dinner. We sat beside the lake chilling, eating, talking, and drinking. We could see the beautiful sunset from our campsite, then we went to sleep in the tent. I like Jordan Lake so much, and I will go back again to play and relax with my husband and our friends.

Peach Festival

By Alicia



On Saturday, I went to the Peach Festival with Carolina and Janine. We watched the parade. Janine was very happy watching everything that happened. It was the first parade she saw. When we finished, we left for the food and games. Because Janine wanted to eat, I ordered some fried and a few pieces of chicken. We ate, then we walked. We looked at the stalls and went to the area of the games. We started to play. It was the happiest moment for Janine and me, because I had a lot of time that I did not have fun with a girl of 3 years. It was a very special day for me. But for Carolina, I do not think so, because she spent all of her time talking with her friends from high school. For Janine and me, it was a wonderful day.



Soccer

By Santos



Soccer is an extraordinary sport and a good sport for exercise. It is also very emotional. Soccer is called football because the players kick the ball with their feet. Players need to learn how to control the ball with their feet, heads, chest and knees, but they can not use their hands. The Fifa World Cup is a world-wide tournament that takes place every four years. Each time a World Cup is held, it is in a different country. First eliminations begin in different parts of the world, and each country plays very hard, so they are not eliminated. All winning countries come to the big competition and have the privilege of enjoying playing a World Cup. Also, there are other tournaments, for example, the Confederation Cup, the Golden Cup and many more. I learned to play soccer when I was in first grade and play this sport still. For me, it is very exciting, and I love to play soccer.

Housing Authority

By Emma



The Housing Authority manages properties in the Southern Pines. It's at 801 S. Mechanics Street. The secretary answers the telephone and takes rent. The maintenance man unstops the sink and put in the filters.

Bella

By Matilde



My dog's name is Bella. She is sweet, and she likes to go for a walk. Her favorite toy is a brown ball. I got Bella when she was a puppy, and now she is 1 year old. Bella likes to sleep in her own bed. When I come home from work, she is happy to see me. I pick her up, and she kisses me.



Gifts for My Family

By Severa

If I could afford it this Christmas, I would give gifts to everyone in my family. I will give toys to the children and gifts of cars to the brothers and sisters-in-law. I hope that I can some day.



MCLC's Newest Tutors



Please welcome Deb Sikes, MCLC's new Project Specialist, Rebekah Layton and Anne Bourne as new tutors. Everyone successfully completed the October ProLiteracy Tutor Training.