

Reflections

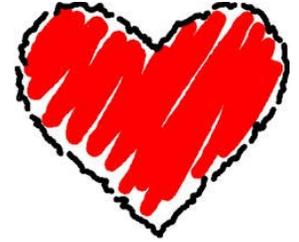
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The stories in this publication were written by MCLC students whose tutors have encouraged them to write & experience the thrill of seeing their words in print. Reflections provides motivation for the improvement of their writing skills.

**February Student Spotlight:
Sandra**



Sandra is a student who possesses the ability to create wonderful visions in the reader's mind with words. She is able to articulate her thoughts in such a way that the reader sees what she sees and feels. Her feelings about her writing are very strong. For this reason, she is coming to class to better present her thoughts on paper and make them grammatically correct. It is her desire to publish her stories, and I am sure that it will

-Linda Grotzke, MCLC Tutor

That Special Cup

By Sandra



It's amazing how the smallest of things can make such a difference in a person's life and how you can discover thankfulness in something that others may miss. Rising at 4:30 in the morning, craving that special cup of coffee and there is no coffee mate in sight. This frustrates me, but even more important there is no means to solve the problem. The craving, the desire to sip that hot cup causes the room to fill with the aroma of a wonderful morning cup that you can actually taste in your mouth, only to realize that it isn't real, and you are still without that fresh morning cup.

Oh, how you long to really be sipping that morning cup. You start to get creative, so you move slowly toward the stove to boil the water while standing there looking around the room searching for any way possible to enjoy that special cup. The milk in the fridge is sour; there's only non-fat milk in a carton, which is not what you wanted to see. You try it anyway, so you take that first sip, and it's awful as you expected it to be. Strangely enough, as you sip it, it turns into the best coffee you have ever had in a long time. You sit there enjoying your cup of coffee, finding yourself very happy, grateful, and thankful that the simplest of things has brightened your morning.

God is so amazing in the beautiful things that He allows to happen in our every day life. I am thankful for all things at all times — a cup of the nastiest coffee that has ever graced your lips has turned out to be my special cup of the day of me. So, I sat praising and giving thanks for my special cup of the day. Thank you, Lord, for the special cup of the morning.

My Jobs

By Ana



I currently have two part time jobs. Both jobs are with children. I like them because in both I learn and share with kids. The first job is to serve and help in the Middle School cafeteria. The second is in a daycare center.



My Hometown

By Jorge



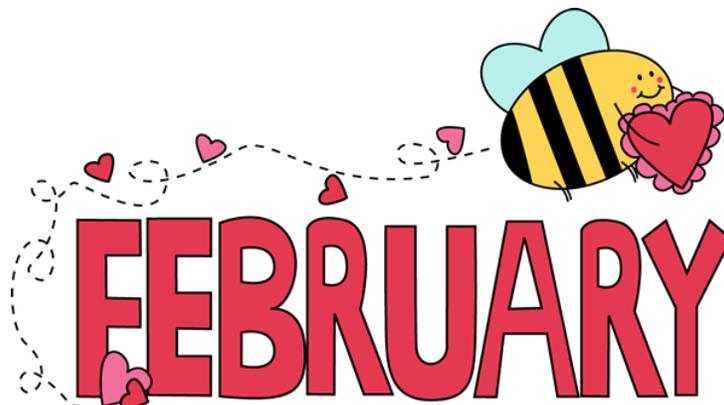
I lived in Chilapa de Alvarez, Mexico. My town was surrounded by huge beautiful mountains that were covered with tall fruit trees. There were lemon trees with sweet gigantic lemons. There were lime trees with massive limes that were as sweet as honey. There were avocado trees with delicious creamy avocados. There were mango trees with many different types of mangoes including enormous sweet juicy mangos and small sour mangoes. My favorite mango was the guayaba mango because it was the sweetest and most succulent of all.

In the valley, grew enormous fields of tall, silky corn stalks and next to the corn were zucchini plants growing with blooming yellow flowers. Red beans, green beans, lima beans, and pea beans, also, grew in the valley.

In the center of the village, we had a cathedral that people visited on Sundays. Around this place, we had many flowers and trees. The houses were very nice, and there were many other churches in the neighborhoods.

The people of the village worked in the morning, and the children went to school. In the afternoon, they returned home. After eating, we all played in the street and other games that we created with our imaginations. The adults were at home resting or went out to walk to the center to eat ice cream or to talk. In the evening, we watched TV all together. But, the weekends were the most fun for everyone, because we went to the valley and mountains to pick mangoes and avocados. We enjoyed eating at the rivers, then swimming and playing until sunset. We had different adventures each weekend.

These are many of the wonderful memories of my childhood and my hometown. I hope to revisit Chilapa de Alvarez, Mexico some day.



A Letter to Santa

By Maribel

Dear Santa,

My birthday is on Christmas Day, and it has been a very long time since I received a birthday gift. I have worked very hard this year, and I am a great mother to my four children. For this birthday, I would be very happy if I received a gift.

Thank you for caring about my children.

Take care and love,

Maribel



My Visit to Mexico

By Enrique

My visit to Mexico was amazing since I saw all of my family and my friends. I went to many places in Mexico. I was using my motorcycle. I saw my girlfriend. I had a spectacular visit. I was having a good time with my grandfather. I like talking with my grandfather. I was happy to eat Mexican food. I love the pozole. My grandmother cooks great pozole.



My Morning

By Rose*

When I wake up sometimes it is so early that it is still dark. I already have my uniform ready and my shoes. So, all I have to do is put everything on. When I finish, I eat my breakfast. Sometimes I eat cereal, yogurt, and cookies with milk. But, I am going to eat cereal. Then, I get my hair combed and put on my head band. After that, I put lotion on my face, because when we go outside it is so hot, and I don't want to get burned. Then, I get my lunch and my backpack, go to the car, and go to school.



Rose is one of the daughters of a current MCLC student, and she regularly meets with her mother's tutor.