

Description of Writing Workshop

Ronda Friend, children's author, has conducted writing workshops for all ages, K-12 and teachers, all across the United States. Her innovative writing card game motivates and stretches students and adults to think outside the box to create fabulous, hilarious heartwarming stories. Sometimes it's just a small spark and the right tools that a student needs to motivate them to develop the love for writing. This workshop is guaranteed to do just that by giving the teacher a creative framework that will inspire their student's imagination for years to come!

This is what one class in a school in Texas come up with and collectively created in less than 15 minutes time -

Grandma SweetTooth Meets Mr. Sharktooth!©

Grandma "Sweet Tooth" lived up to her name - she had one sweet tooth because over her life span she ate way too many sweets. Although you couldn't tell it - Grandma was skin and bones! She was also a very talented snowboarder. She was heading to the Big Island of Hawaii for the Old Folks Snowboarding event - she liked warm weather. And warm weather is what she got on the Big Island - because she wasn't snowboarding there - it was Lava Boarding all the way down the slopes of the Volcano!

She was up in age - so her snowboard was attached to her wheel chair that had many different magical buttons that in an instant could make her an extreme snowboarder and/or should we say lavaboarder! Her 360's were incredible!

The night before she attended the traditional Luau and feasted on stuffed pig. She especially enjoyed the apple in the pig's mouth because of her sweet tooth and managed to top everything off with all the banana cream pie and coconut cream pie her stomach could manage. So much so that she came down with a severe case of the hiccups!

After a restless night sleep, she was ready for the big day of competition. All of her senior citizen friends were cheering her on as they used their canes, walkers and wheelchairs. The last contestant - "Sweet Tooth" Granny appeared at the top of her game when all of a sudden one of her enormous hiccups found her out-of-control! She accidentally pushed a button that propelled her into the air - flips - 360's - and the works! She made a splash landing into the depths of the ocean where she encountered a humongous shark. Well, that shark scared the hiccups right out of her as she frantically pushed another button and safely landed on the lava bed shores.

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The crowd was ecstatic! They went wild! Granny "Sweet Tooth" had never performed so well! Announced as the winner, Granny smiled and the crowd gasped. Granny thought it was just from their amazement but as she went to receive her award, she noticed the shark. (He was standing alongside his surfboard, which incidentally happen to have a "bite" out of it!) She noticed that the shark was wearing a necklace - one sweet tooth!

The Shark awarded the trophy to Granny. After congratulating Granny, the shark gave her a hug and whispered something "sweet" in her ear. He

helped her lift her trophy high in the sky as she smiled from ear to ear! Granny wasn't Granny "Sweet Tooth" anymore - she was now Granny "Shark Tooth". (Granny smiles and the shark had asked for forgiveness for scaring the tooth out of her - and awarded her with all of his teeth!"

The Shark smiled - toothless!

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