Lesson Plan 1 – Inspirational quotes

In school we have inspirational quotes around the building that were stenciled on the walls on all three floors. I believe there are about 10–12 of them. (I’ll include them on a separate sheet.) Each inspirational quote was said by a famous person, singer, writer, athlete, president, rapper, author, etc. Every student was required to find a quote on the wall that called to him or her, and the students needed to own it. It needed to invoke a feeling, whether positive or negative, reactive or proactive; it needed to inspire them to write about it. I have included some of those quotes and some of their reactions to what it inspired them to write about.

Lesson Plan II – Dreams, Aspirations and Goals
Students could decide to write a poem or an essay about their dreams, inspirations and goals. We followed the outline in Writers Matter, and I submitted one of my favorites for your enjoyment.

Lesson Plan III – If you could change something, anything in your community what would it be. I asked the students to think about the community they live in and a change they would like to see if possible. Some students focused on one big change while others wanted to see many changes happen all at one time.