

Little Folks News – Oct. 2010

Did you know that for the past few years we have had Furman University interns for one or two weeks during our summer program? These are students of Dr. Lorraine DeJong who are taking early childhood education courses to keep their teacher's certificate up-to-date or who are expanding their certification to include Early Childhood. The interns must have a certain number hours of observations and must write and implement several lesson plans. This is a mutually beneficial arrangement. The Furman students get to see the practical applications of theory that they have been learning in their classes. And, they are able to experience the dizzying reality of being in a classroom with sixteen three and four year olds. Early Childhood education is all about the child learning by doing, and sometimes that can get a little messy! It takes a lot of planning for things to go smoothly, and even then, sometimes they don't. I remember the time, years ago, that I overheard a child say to himself the dreaded phrase, "Accidents happen." I whirled around just in time to see the cup of tempera paint hit the floor and spew red all over the child and everything nearby. I also remember telling my husband about a cooking lesson that I did with two year olds. He listened horrified and then questioned *how* was the child given the opportunity to put his foot in the cookie dough bowl *when you were sitting right next to him?* Well, it's quite easy. It just takes looking away for a split second. He's still pretty suspicious of eating child-made treats.

When the Furman students are here, having an extra set of hands in the classroom gives our teachers the rare opportunity to briefly sit back and observe the children. This is a chance for the **Little Folks** teachers to re-evaluate their room arrangements, curriculum, and daily schedules. They want to ensure that their classroom is the optimum environment for all of their children. The teachers and I look forward to the return of the Furman students next summer.

I want to thank the **Big Folks** (LFF parent organization) and all of the coffee drinkers who have been purchasing our coffee provided by Liquid Highway. So far, we have made \$464 profit from the sale of the coffee. **Big Folks** has voted to let all of the profit from the coffee sales go toward scholarships. Remember **Little Folks** when you need coffee. It costs \$9 a bag and from that the scholarship fund will receive \$4. When purchasing, **make your checks out to Big Folks of Fourth**. We have on hand bags of regular ground coffee. If you would like whole bean, espresso, or decaf, you can e-mail me with your order ([sallypellew@4thpres-grvl.com](mailto:sallypellew@4thpres-grvl.com)). It usually takes a week for special orders so, plan ahead before you run out.

Reminder: Little Folks will be **Closed** Oct. 14 and 15.

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