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Mercy Me

Hello everyone. It's me Flayla again. Today I would like to tell you about the Dragon Developmental Center. My sisters and I spend much of our time volunteering there. Located in beautiful Carin Tor, it has been and is the cave away from cave for many of our young dragons. It has grown considerably these days since some of the moms have followed their mates into the dragon work force. Most choose to place their youngsters here to help them prepare for when they start their official schooling. Their thoughts are that the youngster's transition more easily from mama's arms once they have had a taste of being apart. Some have no problems with this change but for the ones who have difficulty adjusting the dragon care center has been a great help.

All daily activities are coordinated by my sisters and I. You will not find a more caring and concerned staff anywhere if I say so myself. Lafala is seventy years older than I and Falaya is the baby of the family. She is only one hundred and ten years young.

We are like a well-oiled machine. If one of us sneezes the other is right there with a tissue. It give some the woolies watching us. It's as if one of us can predetermine what the other is going to do even before they know what it is going to be. Whatever the reason we work very well together. Maybe that is why over the years we are the ones who have been most able to effectively run the center.

The place is a bit challenging. While designed as a preparatory center it is well known that some of the mothers just drop the youngsters off so they can sneak off to the Hot Springs. These youngsters can be the most work. At the springs the moms lounge about, gossip, sip nectars and complain about how grumpy their spouses are. You would think they were all married to Grunch.

We break the youngsters into several groups and each of us takes a section. With my gentle and patient nature I am in charge of the reading, drawing and the crafts area. Here the youngsters are read stories that challenge their imagination and teach life lessons. They are encouraged to express their creativity by using many different types of paints and materials.

Falayla works to help develop motor skills and hands on learning by using a wide array of items. She also believes in what she describes as free play. This allows the dragons to experiment. Here they challenge their skills, find ways to accomplish goals and hopefully not mash their paws with the wooden mallets.

Lafala looks after the nutritional needs of the youngsters. Three snacks are served around a hot breakfast and lunch. Breakfast consist of fresh berries and muffins. The first snack is cream of tuba root. This is a great cleansing agent used to make the system more productive. A short bathroom break is then taken. Snack number two includes high fiber grains to build strong tail spikes. Lunch follows a few hours later. It is called Hottlepottle's surprise. This means whatever he feels like as long as it is nutritionally appropriate. Afternoon snack consists of herbs and vegetables. Wodema often drops by to explain what each herb is good for and usually has a surprise in store. Something that's good for the chompers and eyesight is always welcome.

Most days go without much out of the ordinary happening. Great credit is given to us for this. We are proud of our record. To the naked eye what seems like chaos is in reality well under control. Take these examples as case in point.

The sound of **ride-em-dragon** echoes across the room. Back and forth, back and forth the dragons take turns rocking on a structure with curved runners. Found in the excavation of an ancient ruin this item has been very useful. It teaches physical coordination and assists in the early stages of flying. If a dragon does not loose their balance it may signify that the turbulence of flight may be easily overcome. By removing one hand it helps the dragon to adjust their body to compensate for weight change.

Music is an essential part of development. The sound of creative instruments fills the air. At this early age it is a bit much to expect the sound of symphonic music. We improvise by having items that can be easily handled and would not normally be used to create music. How about a metal pitcher? The sound may not be so great but a rhythm of **bang-chakalakka** certainly shows creativity. It is music to the ears of one that sees the start of music appreciation and great pain to the eardrums of the innocent passer by.

The use of ones hands is encouraged to create something that has their own stamp of approval. One such project was started by Koozl and called the Koozl Make a Friend Experience. He provides many different types of materials and even his best friend for a reference. The dragons are encouraged to make similar items that look like his friend. Some have become quite proficient and they are **bearly visible** after a good day of work. Not only do they learn how to put items together to finish a product but have created a personal treasure.

Rest assured not everything goes as planned even with the best of efforts. Things are not always as Easy As ABC. Try as we may on more than one occasion we can not satisfy a very unhappy youngster who wants just to go home. **Mercy Me!**

The staff at Dragon Care Center,

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Redemption figurines getting near last call

As you are all aware one of the most prized parts of your collection are the collector's club redemption figurines. On more than a few occasions we have been contacted by someone who has missed out on getting their yearly redemption figures. Some of the reasons are that they have lost their card or their dealer has gone out of business.

If you misplace your card please contact us so we can send you a new one. If you do not have a local dealer you can redeem through the Internet or mail with another store. If you are not comfortable with this you may contact the club and redeem through us. You will always have a way to redeem for your yearly figurines.

The expiration date on the bottom of the card is a reminder that we will have stock available until that date. In some cases we can honor your redemption after that date. Do not hesitate to contact us about this. Often a final shipment is still coming in on these items.

If you have lost your card or not redeemed for the following club figurines we can still honor your redemption.

The Peace Offering The Search Party Hide and Seek

This year there are two redemption figurines. The first is the **Traveling Companions**. The second is to be released in October and is titled **Naptime**. This is the most detailed combo of member's club figurines ever. Naptime's issue price is \$55.00. This figurine finds four Krystonian's in harmony.

Under the influence of the music of the hydro-glyphs Rueggan and Carmello have no choice but to fall fast asleep. In the brush above them sit two of our tiny friends creating a trance like atmosphere that no one could escape. Deeper and deeper they fall until all sounds disappear except for the two musicians beautiful notes.

Enclosed with this newsletter is a redemption figurine certificate for Naptime.

We have a special bonus for club members. **When you redeem for both Traveling Companions and Naptime you will receive a coupon worth ten dollars off a figurine in 2005.** To request this certificate you will send into the club the limited edition number on the card of the Traveling Companions and Naptime figurines you have purchased.

Send to:

**Krystonia Collector's Club
125 W. Ellsworth
Ann Arbor, Mi. 48108**

The Answer Dragon is Back

You have questions and I have answers! Let me start by saying I have missed you terribly. Not as much as you have me, but how can I compare the two. Some of you email questions to our web site. Kephren answers those. I'm sure he does a descent job. Although he is a poor substitute he does try. I know there was some controversy about my column before. Some even said I had listed questions that I made up. How full of themselves they are to make such wild-eyed accusations. Hang on to your hats, here we go.

Q. Can I get a listing of all Krystonia figurines ever made?

A. Yes. Send \$7.50 US or \$11.50 Canadian funds to the club to cover copy and shipping cost. Send checks to Krystonia Collectors Club 125 W. Ellsworth Ann Arbor, Michigan 48108

Q. My dealer has went out of business or carries a poor selection. How do I get the figurines I want?

A. The last few years have seen many dealers close. Some of the reasons have been lost leases, retirement, and illness. On our web site are listed some of our full service dealers. Most do mail orders and many have web sites. If you are not comfortable with this contact the club through www.krystonia.net, the mail or by calling our new phone number 734-332-8773. Never worry that you will not be able to get any figurines or club redemption's that you want to add to your collection. We will help.

Q. Are you as smart as we think you are?

A. Yes, even more so. If I took an intelligence test it would rate me as super duper, magnifique, off the scale and pretty darn smart. Impressive even if I say so myself.

Q. I have heard that David Woodard has retired?

A. Dave still designs the Krystonia figurines. Pat and Dave create every figurine. Dave may retire at some date but being so young and good looking it may be awhile. (This message is approved by David Lee Woodard.)

Talk to you soon,
The Answer Dragon