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Dear new interns,

Sorry to say but we set the bar pretty high, so good luck.

In these next four months you will learn a lot about yourself and all the intricate layers that make up Forest Valley.

Tips:

1. Get to know each other. Your co-worker (other intern) is your sole companion in this experience, and it's important that you have someone you can vent to about the troubles with students.
2. Even though you're companions, the titles Intern 1 and Intern 2 are not just thrown around, they mean everything.
3. Get to know everyone's teaching style, knowing that Dean hates chairs and Melissa loves the chalk board can help get you through the day.
4. Simply put, you will be a coffee drinker by the end of the term. (Learn how to make it right and FAST)
5. Most importantly, don't forget your fish. These are your children for the next four months and they need intense care 24/7. (Beware of the fish that have some anger issues towards each other... eyes do go missing)
6. Also, don't forget about the plants like we did... they need love too.
7. Even though we teach kids to stay on the trails, don't think it doesn't apply to you... Dean is always watching.
8. Learn the trails fast, nothing is worse than getting lost with a group of hungry grade 2 students.
9. Lastly, the radios will fall off your belt 100+ times a day... don't sweat it we put those things through everything... they don't break.

P.S. Don't fear if you suddenly have a weird sickness. Angelina got through the term with a swollen eye and Sarah had a constant cold. It's just the Forest Valley air.

Although these tips might worry you, don't be scared. Forest Valley was a great co-op where we both learned about ourselves and how to get a job done. You may have a horrible class one day and a great class the next but remember to put your heart in everyday to make the kids laugh and have fun. Everything is a learning opportunity so look at every day as one.

Have a great term!

Sincerely,

Sarah Marshall and Angelina La

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