EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

**Do you have stage fright? Try Haiku!**

Fear of public speaking is very near the top of the list of all fears - most people would rather handle snakes than speak in public! However, one of the reasons for people's fear of public speaking is that little effort has been made to improve their skills. Enter Sullivan's Language Arts Instructor Quinten Moser.

A little bit of everything

Students in his class are exposed to all forms of public speaking, from toasts to roasts and everything in between, including forms of poetry, such as Haiku, a poetic form common to the Japanese culture. Pronounced Hi-coo, it combines content and language in a meaningful, yet compact style. A Haiku must "paint" a mental image in the reader's mind. The poem's meaning and imagery must be put in the reader's mind by using only 17 syllables over just three (3) lines of poetry!

A method to the 'madness'

Although a public speaking class would seem an odd place for this creative word challenge, Moser points out the real challenge is to write in effective writing or in generating meaningful spoken sentences depends on a focus on the current socioeconomic situation and how international trade is being impacted. A question and answer format followed. This was Mr. Moser's second presentation to a Sullivan University international business class and once again, his presentation was very well received.

**International Trade Specialist visits campus**

Brian Miller, an International Trade Specialist with the US Department of Commerce, US Export Assistance Center was guest presenter for Dr. Randy Nichols’ International Business course. Mr. Miller has served in the Department of Commerce for a number of years and has extensive knowledge of international business activities. His presentation focused on the current economic situation and how international trade is being impacted. A question and answer format followed. This was Mr. Miller’s second presentation to a Sullivan University international business class and once again, his presentation was very well received.

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**FIELD TRIPS**

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Sullivan’s ECE students want to take children on field trips that enhance their educational experiences. Since some students are not aware of the community resources in Louisville, the curriculum allows them to have similar experiences that they may plan for children.

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