

Video Synopsis

This video was an idea that one of my neighbors suggested last year. We often get together here at the farm and have cookouts, celebrations, and outings appropriate enough for both adults and children. Many times we have done science experiments and demonstrations for fun and entertainment. The suggestion was to videotape our neighborhood kids helping me introduce my techniques for attaining rigor and relevance in the classroom. I am grateful to Annie and Len Rothleubber for their suggestion.

The video was taped as a total spontaneous event in June of 2003 one week after school let out for the summer, with everyone including myself acting and reacting normal. The result is a two CD set full of humor, teaching techniques, presentation techniques, and fun as only spontaneity can produce. Several bloopers due to environmental disturbances were left intact to generate a smile from those observing.

I want to add one interesting note that was not captured on tape. While we were midway through the video taping which took 6 days, one child said, "I am glad that school's over, science is fun." If it were repeated to be captured, I thought it would have looked canned.