

## Little ones' Sweet Sunday

It's Sunday at the Avonlea House. Boys's room is newly furnished with a children's play table and a stand. A box of big Oreo cookies, a dish of cherry cream pie, a pack of orange juice, and candies are provided.



In the girls' room, Bonnie, Meron, and Irina are having a time time with scones and cookies. They like the new tea set given by Aunt Mary who thinks that having a nice cup of milk tea with sweets do good for the little girls to enliven their playful spirits.

"Oh, this cup of milk tea not only smells great but also tastes delightfully delicious!" says Meron, who has a taste for good tea, since she used to have a regular teatime in her native Japan. "Yes, I agree. Aunt Mathilda's choice of tea for the house is her paramount talent." Bonnie quips. "She can tell you the best kind of tea because she reads a lot about herbal plants to make nutritious food for all of us in the house," explains Bonnie before tasting milk tea with a cookie baked by Mrs. Lomstromfp. Irina thinks that all is well and wonderful.



The girls are talking about their favorite animation, "Little Princess," they saw last night on TV. They are all empathetic to Sarah's tribulations after the news that her father had died in India. They wonder what will happen to poor Sarah next.



With the danish pastries bought from Sven's Bakery (Sven is Anika's uncle from Norway), Benji and Leo in the living room are watching "Tom and Jerry." Both of them do not like the character Jerry, the smart mouse, because they think he is too shrewd and sometimes cruel in dealing with Tom, the cat. In fact both Benji and Leo have empathy toward Tom, who always seems to be cruelly fooled by the small resourceful mouse.



In the meanwhile, the boys of the house are confabulating with one another at Anika's bakery, the new establishment where many a cake and donut with hot beverages are ready to be served. All of the cakes, sandwiches, and pie are baked fresh at the house by Anika and Mrs. Lomstrompf. And the prices are very reasonable!

What's more, Anika likes to see people enjoying the homemade baked products, which are the fruits of the hard work by her and her grandma. The ingredients are

very wholesome, so they are good for the health of the growing little boys and girls. Of course, the tastes are also scrumptious!

So the three boys are all set with their own choices of sweets: A cream puff and milk tea for Gamba; strawberry short cake and cocoa for Fred, and blueberry pie and hot chocolate for Tom. Also, Fred is having a chocolate-covered banana, and Gamba, popcorn from Sally's Popcorn cart. They're having a yummy time with great selection of the sweets.





"Anika's bakery looks wonderful!" Tom exclaims. He thinks that all the cakes and pies and donuts and sandwiches at the bakery are eye candies to him. In fact, until today Tom had thought that only Aunt Mathilda's cakes were the best ones. However, Anika's baked goods enticed Tom's little hearts to taste one of her blueberry pie, which sure looks delightfully attractive to have a piece thereof - with a cup of hot chocolate.



Fred has to agree with Tom's opinion. He thinks that his choice of strawberry shortcake with a cup of cocoa is excellent. In fact, Fred is also having a chocolate-covered banana bought from Sally's popcorn cart. It's counterintuitive to believe, but Fred eats a lot contrary to his skinny frame! It's either Fred's metabolism is very high, able to burn all those calories that Fred intakes, thus preventing him from getting overweight.

And Gamba is happy to smell the aroma of the milk tea and a cream puff, his favorite. Gamba, thinks that Anika's cream puff tastes much better than the one he tasted at one of the finest bakeries in Japan.

"Wow, this strawberry short cake makes me so happy with its deliciousness. I really like it! And this chocolate-covered banana is also very yummy. I think I will come to this place quite a lot of times from this day forward." Fred tells to Tom and Gamba.

"If I come here many times, then I will have some weight put on my body, which will be good because I am too skinny and diminutive in size. I want to grow big and strong."





It's Sally's break-time in the morning at 10:30. Sally takes her first break at this time because she gets up very early in the morning at 5:00 to get ready for daily business of operating the popcorn and candy floss carts.

Therefore, she needs to have something to eat before her lunch at 12:00 PM. Otherwise, Sally will be too weak to run the carts and might collapse to the ground due to a lack of energy. Besides, Sally also likes sweets to fresh up her spirit to do her daily business.

Hence, Sally checks what to eat at Anika's bakery during her morning break-time.

"Hmm, let me see. That chocolate sponge roll cake looks so scrumptious. But since it is for my morning break-time, I can't eat the whole thing. Maybe, a fresh hand-made sandwich might do good to me. But should I choose a bagel or white bread? How about a croissant? All of them look fresh anyway." Sally mulls over what kind of bread will choose for her sandwich.

"Or," Sally continues, "Maybe I can just have a piece of some cake for a break, and a sandwich for lunch."





Sally asks Anika, "What is your recommendation for today? All of your baked goods look so good that I want to have everything. But it's impossible because I only need something for my short morning break time in the morning."

Thinking Sally is cute and smart to express her thoughts clearly, Anika advises, "Okay, I see. Then how about a donut in the corner of the right aisle? All of the donuts are of course made fresh on a daily basis with healthy ingredients, and they will give you just amount of energy and lively spirits to enliven your morning work routine. And a donut is always partaken with a cup of tea or coffee of your choice."

Still deciding what to eat for her short break-time, Sally keeps looking around the bakery. It is most likely that Sally will have a baguette sandwich because she likes a fresh handmade sandwich all the time. That will be a good choice.

