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Going from day care to Denmark

Maurice Franks is proud of daughter Moira, 4:

“She is fully able to read the printed words ‘apple’ and ‘banana,’ as well as many others.”

And for a 4-year-old, she’s well-traveled.

Her mother is from the Philippines and her father is director of Southern University’s foreign studies program in law, so opportunities for travel come up often.

She’s been to New York, Manila via Tokyo twice, and London four times.

Then there are her weekend sidetrips by air from London to Munich, Shannon in Ireland and Amsterdam.

This past summer she visited Athens and Copenhagen, where she enjoyed the Tivoli Gardens amusement park, built in 1843 and credited with inspiring Walt Disney to build Disneyland.

Says Maurice, “Moira gets frequent-flyer miles for all her peregrinations.

“Last week a letter arrived addressed to Moira, inviting her to earn 50,000 additional air miles by calling an 800 number to claim her American Airlines CitiBusiness Visa card!

“We wondered why Citibank needed a bailout. Now we know.”

It’s a first!

Congratulations to Maurice Franks for being the first to use “peregrinations” in this space.

Who says this isn’t an educational column?