

Season's greetings,

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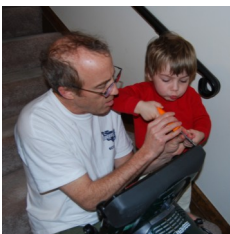
We hope you can find a chance to take time out from the busy season around us and enjoy the holidays. Here's a quick update to our life in 2011. As with everyone else, this year has been a busy one - but a healthy one for the Smiths.

Nicholas is another year older and enjoys being around kids his age (3) and knows all the neighbors. Over the year, Nicholas is thriving in school enjoys taking leadership roles, from class meteorologist to class helper. Cleaning is still a passion and he still maintains his spray bottle, "babba", collection. Music is another interest he is pursuing and strengthen with Janet's cherished parent's piano that now sits in our house. Curious George is a favorite along with Thomas the Train.



Nicholas continues to show his love for music, especially at church. He sits and listens to the organ and still runs to the front of the church after the dismissal to watch the organist play the postlude. Although the inspiration for "Judy's music" retired at church, he still watches as "the man, Mr. Richard" plays "Judy's organ". He eagerly listens and occasionally participates in St Stephens' post-recessional hymn with a note or 2 on the church organ. Other musical instruments are of interest to him and he wants a guitar from Santa Clause.

He went to an organ concert and sat right up front mesmerized for the entire 2 hour concert. He is not shy and will give concerts to all, including the fork or spoon guitar at dinner while getting disapprovals from Dan and Janet.

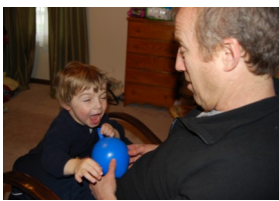


Dan has spent quite a bit of time working on the house, both inside and out. We put new windows throughout the house and he put new basement windows in this summer, all hoping to have a warmer winter. Landscaping is easier now that big bushes are gone and the basement has been rearranged so that Nicholas has a place to play and run around, especially now that it is getting colder.



We traveled again to Hilton Head Island, S.C. after Thanksgiving for a vacation and enjoyed the time away. We also journeyed to Savannah, GA to take Nicholas on his first boat ride and trolley car ride. Nicholas was a travel trooper. During the return, he requested some "quiet time" at our last stop and he remained in his car seat for 7 of the 12 remaining hours home. His bladder is way stronger than Dan's.

Janet celebrated her 10 years at OSU and was rewarded with a 25% work reduction due to budget woes the same month. On the bright side, her long time part time employer awarded her with another year long contract to continue to check the English documents. Dan remains with IBM and will complete his 15th year in January in the same job, though the name of the company has changed a few times.

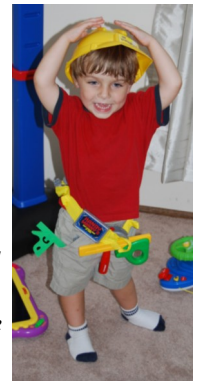
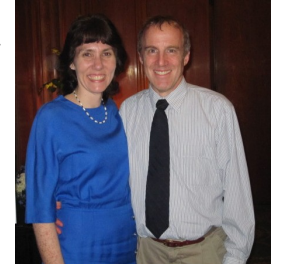


Instead of crying like last year when he saw Santa this year at a party, Nicholas took him by the hand, led him to the Christmas Tree and patiently waited until his name was called. It should be a fun Dec. 25th this year!

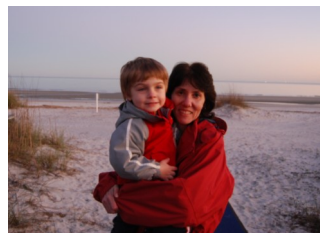
Best wishes for a healthy and happy New Year in 2012!

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