Highlight from 2011...

In October, we all traveled to Disney World. We were able to enjoy time at Magic Kingdom, Epcot, Animal Kingdom, and Disney Hollywood Studios. Jacob's favorite was the Test Track ride at Epcot, a ride that shows you how cars are tested & created accompanied by a super fast joy ride. Hannah loved all the big roller coasters like Expedition Everest. Amira's highlight was seeing Winnie the Pooh. Dave & Marci enjoyed seeing the kids have so much fun and to have a week of time to spend together









We hope everyone has a very Merry Christmas and a safe, healthy and peaceful New Year!!!

Dave, Marci Jacob, Hannah and Amira















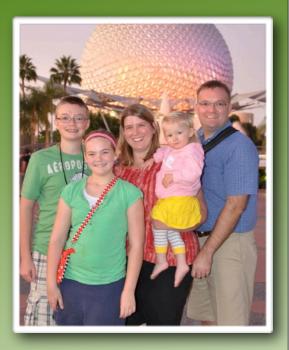


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After several years of major changes, 2011 has been a wonderful year with things a bit more settled. Though it is hard to keep up with Jacob, Hannah, & Amira in all their growing, learning, and changing, most everything else in our lives has remained relatively unchanged. We are happy to be settled in our home, enjoying getting to know our neighbors better and liking the area & local schools. We are grateful for Dave's continued employment to provide for our family. We are blessed that Marci can stay home to care for our family. We are thankful for the health and happiness of our family.

Jacob's Jottings



Hello everyone! I am 13 years old and in Eighth Grade this year at Rosemount Middle School and I really enjoy it! My favorite subject is Global Studies (Social Studies with a fancy name). I got braces in September, and although they are not my

favorite, they are

o.k. I am still singing in the Minnesota Boychoir. Speaking of singing, on November 18, I was part of the ACDA (American Choral Director's Association) of Minnesota 7-8th Grade Boys' Honor Choir at Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter, Minnesota.



This summer Hannah and I went to the Wisconsin Dells with our Grandparents.

Marci's Musings

I continue to be employed as mom, laundress, cleaner, cook, chauffeur, grocery shopper, and manager of the complicated family calendar . It is a blessing to be home to see Jacob & Hannah off to school and greet them when they come home and spend the time in between interacting with Amira. Amira and I fill our days with play-dates, outings, (current favorites include the Children's Museum, MN zoo, and swimming at the YMCA), and time playing and reading at home. I continue to be involved in a MOPs (Mothers Of Preschoolers) group. This group continues to be a source of friendships and growth for me. I am also thankful this year for Dave & my involvement in a small group Bible study at church. It is so rewarding to build deeper relationships with couples at church and to learn together studying God's word. I continue to be filled with gratitude for my wonderful family and friends. I am thankful for all the blessing of this year and pray for God's guiding hand to lead us through this upcoming year.

Hannah's Happenings



Hi everyone! Has your year been great? Mine has! I'm 10 and a 1/2 years old and I'm in fifth grade at Red Pine Elementary. So far school's been great!

I love being the oldest one in the school! My favorite sports are soccer and swimming, my favorite color is

neon purple, and my favorite animal is a panda! I can't wait for middle school (even though Jacob says you get lots of homework!) I'm very glad that I have my best friends Carly and Sophie in my class. They make me laugh every day very hard.







Dave's Declarations

I am in my 7th year working at TIES, still as a consultant in the Data Services Department. My job continues to stretch me as we continue to work on innovative tools to help educators. I am in my third year as the Director of Music at Bloomington Covenant Church. I am blessed with a wonderful staff at Bloomington Covenant as I work with the choir, worship team and other musicians. If you noticed the East Rosemount reference on the 1st page, my brother Steve and his family moved to Rosemount this past summer just west of our house.

Amira's Anecdotes



Just think when the year started in January I was only 10 months old and as I write this I am almost 2 years old (21 month if you want to get technical). There is so much that has happened I'll try to just hit the

highlights. I learned how to walk 3 days before my first

before my first birthday (just squeaked that in under the wire!) Now everyone



claims I never walked I went straight to running. I do keep busy

moving all the time; the one exception is I love to read so I will sit still to listen to books! I took swimming lessons this fall. I love to "scoop" and "kick" and

make everyone practice with me. Last year no one understood me when I talked. This year I have a big vocabulary. My favorite sentence is "I did it!" Some of my favorite things to do are: read, play in my kitchen, go down slides, and play with my friends.



