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HAPPY NEW YEAR

DEAR FRIENDS AND FAMILY,

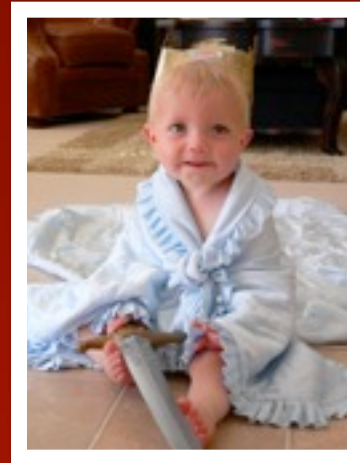
We hope you had a very Merry Christmas, and that you are ringing in the new year with gusto! Last year was an interesting one for us, filled with things we have never done before, but were dreams come true for Dan. Dan led us into buying four investment homes which we've seen through the entire construction process. It was exciting for Cheryl to select the flooring, paint, counters, etc, and even more enjoyable for Dan to get the first home sold. By the way, anyone want a

lovely home in Spanish Fork with great carpet, etc? We have three of them. :) It gets so confusing owning five homes (especially for the kids) that we have to start referring to our home as "The Uinta." We've toyed with the idea of moving into any or all of them to save on taxes, so it will be very interesting to see where we are this time next year.



Home Sweet Uinta

Between all of the house stuff, we've managed to spend some family time taking advantage of all that Utah offers - hiking, petting zoos, beautiful fall leaves, plays and BYU entertainment.



But most of all, we just enjoy being together playing sardines and jumping on our new trampoline.

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Tallie

Tallie wants her two front teeth for Christmas this year. She's actually missing three and likes showing off her holes. At the Daddy Daughter camp-out this summer, she went on her first hike longer than 15 minutes. Going down was much easier than going up, but she and Dad had a great time. Tallie loves meeting new people and was best friends with everyone by the time we came home.

Tyler

Tyler continues to love trains, airplanes and cars. Christmas was particularly exciting as we rode in all three over the break. We had to laugh as he kept shouting, "When are we going to blast off?!?" He enjoys reading with Mom and teaching his little brother how to play. He has started to request a lot of science and nature movies when we go to the library and loves learning about the world around him.



Brayden

Brayden loves tagging along behind his brother and sister. He has about three favorite songs and insists on playing them repeatedly so he can dance around the coffee table. He's starting to say words, and even rough sentences, without much prompting from us. We do have to keep reminding him about please and thank you. He loves for his Mom and Dad to sing to him before bed and consistently demands that we remove his clothes whenever possible.



Dan and Cheryl

No, this is not a car commercial. It's our new mini-van that we bought on eBay. Call us crazy, but we got a good car for a great price. We stay busy trying to keep up with the kids, but still find we enjoy just watching them play.

Hope your **New Year** is filled with wonderful memories!
Love, **The Reeses**





Out of the Mouths of Babes

- DEC 25 Tyler (after all the presents were opened, surrounded by wrapping paper): "I can't wait 'til Christmas!"
- DEC 26 Tyler (day after Christmas, looking at the tree): "Where's Christmas? Where did all the presents go?"
- JAN Tyler: "One more last time, okay?"
- JAN 10 Tallie (reading a book about kids making pizza): "They don't have mixers." Mom: "Nope. It looks like they're doing it by hand, huh?" Tallie (always the authority): "No, they're doing it by *spoon*."
- JAN 31 Tallie (all bundled up in her 2-in-1 coat): "When I wear two coats, I feel like the Holy Ghost is hugging me."
- FEB Mom had just received some long awaited furniture in the mail that required some assembly. Tyler (excitedly holding up the precious legs): "Hey, Mom, what are these? Are these [baseball] bats?" (You can imagine my reaction.)
- FEB 20 Tallie (explaining to Tyler why we wear seat belts): "And if our seat belt is unchucked, when we crash, we'll bounce down the road."
- FEB 23 Mom: "Tallie, Tyler, it's Katie's birthday today. Do you want to email her a card?" Tyler (excitedly): "Yeah! And a cake too!?"
- MAR 2 Mom (wanting to make sure the kids were comfortable in the car): "Are you hot or cold?" Tallie, enthusiastically: "I'm drippin' hot lava!"
- MAR Mom: "Tyler, you're so cute." Tyler (jumping up and down, laughing): "Yeah, I am! I'm so lucky!"
- MAR 8 Tallie: "I'll help you clean the bathrooms. 'Cept you can do the toilets. I don't like doing the toilets." Mom (laughing): "It's not my favorite thing to do either." Tallie: "It's a Daddy thing." Mom: "Why is it a Daddy thing?" Tallie: "Cuz boys aren't scared as much."
- MAR 20 Tyler (coming in from the hallway): "Mom, Brayden's asleep. I heard 'im."
- MAR 24 Brayden was sleeping and Tyler was taking a bath. Tyler (at the top of his lungs): "Mom! Mom!" Mom (rushing into the bathroom): "What?" Tyler: "I'm going to be quiet."
- MAR 31 Tyler (watching the rain fall on the patio): "Oh, it's raining outside! See, it's dropping dots."
- MAR 31 Tyler: "Mom, we need to get the hose since the plants need water to grow." Mom (trying to avoid a cold, wet mess): "Yep. Heavenly Father already watered it with rain yesterday. See how wet the ground is?" Tyler (really wanting to make a cold, wet mess): "But, Mom, we want to be like Henly Fader, so let's get the hose."
- MAR 31 Tallie (to Grandma Sue on the phone): "I know how to read. I don't even need the books."

APR The world through the eyes of a three year old boy. Tyler: "There are angels, 'cept they're not at our house. We can't see them. 'Cept we can see a *garbage truck* at our house."

APR Tallie (pushing her way through the crowded mud-room): "Watch out, Tyler and Brayden! I'm in the way."

APR 29 Tallie (driving in the car): "Mom, were you in front of the car that was in back of you?"

MAY 30 Tyler: "Can I have another Otter Pop?" Mom: "No, you already had two." Tyler: "Why!?!"
 Mom: "It's too much sugar." Tyler: "But, it'll be quick! Please!?!"

JUNE 10 Tyler (to mom): "Will you be my girl forever?" Mom: "Yes. Forever." Tyler: "For a hundred days?" Mom: "For a million days plus infinity." Tyler: "Wow. That's a long time."

JUNE 10 Tallie: "I don't have a boyfriend!" Tyler (overhearing): "Yes, you do have a boyfriend! It's me!"

JULY 4 Tyler (trying to figure out Tallie's explanation of how to do the slip and slide): "We trip and fall and *then* we slide?"

JULY 5 Tyler was interested in playing badminton, but was having little success. Tyler: "Hey, Mom. How 'bout we play 'Missed'. (If at first you don't succeed, change the name of the game.)"

JULY 14 Mom: "My tummy is telling me to stop eating jelly bellies." Tyler: "My tummy says, (in high pitched voice) 'That's a little too much.' My teeth says, (also in high pitched voice) 'Mmmm.... that's sugary. Keep eating some more.'"

JULY 22 Tyler (before Pioneer parade): "Is Heavenly Father gonna drop candy from the sky?!?"

JULY 27 Tyler (in prayer) "Thank you for Daddy. I use to be Yours, and now I'm his."

AUG 1 Tyler (rather upset): "Mom, Tallie was being mean at the first." Mom: "Oh, yeah? Why do you say that?" Tyler: "Because she wanted me to be nicer."

AUG 13 Tyler (laughing with Brayden): "He's a silly kid. I want to keep him forever."

AUG 15 Tallie: "This is mine now." Mom: "I think what you mean to say is, 'Can this be mine now, Mom?'" Tallie: "No, that's not what I mean."

AUG 15 Tallie had a phobia for bees. Tallie: "I know. We'll make a honey nest for the bees out of honey and paper, so the bees won't destroy us."

AUG 17 Tallie (looking at her plate of broccoli): "I'm tired of eating broccoli." Tyler: "I'm *dead* of broccoli."

SEPT 9 Dad (to Mom): "We've got to work on this. How do we get you to not be so cold and me not to be so hot?" Tallie (matter of factly): "Well, you just *hug* each other."

SEPT 12 Tallie (admiring mom in her new sweater): "Mom, you're Beautiful! All you need is a crown and shoes, and you'd be a princess!"

SEPT 17 Tyler (having learned where milk comes from): "Have you ever drank out of a cow's bottom?"

SEPT 22 Tyler (hand out, catching sleet): "I just felt a little snow ball."

OCT Tallie (watching mom fry sausage): "Is that poop?" Mom: "No, it's sausage." Tallie: "Where does sausage come from?" Mom: "It comes from a pig." Tallie: "But doesn't anybody think, 'poor pig?'"

OCT 2 Tyler (eating syrup on his eggs): "Mom, I like this syrup. It tastes like cheese incept a different flavor than cheese."

OCT 6 Mom: "Oh, no! Brayden wrote on the carpet with a marker." Tyler: "Oh, no. He wrote on his diaper. We better get a better baby next time."

OCT 12 Mom: "Wow. Brayden got hardly any spaghetti sauce on him." Tallie: "Whoa. He's acting like a real human."

OCT 14 Tyler (looking at a close up picture of a bee's bug eyes): "Is he wearing glasses?"

NOV 13 Mom: "Little kids have lots of energy." Tallie: "Yeah. Moms and Dads don't 'cuz they work all day and stay up all night." (parenting through a child's eyes)