



Happy Holidays! Jake's Letter

Yo-Yo people this is Spoony J here,
Droppin' some rhymes, and tell about my year

It all began back in November '05
My mom gave birth, and I came out alive

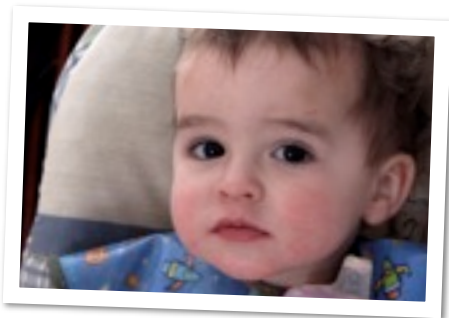
My hair went through several transformations
Growing in, falling out, it was quite the sensation!

The summer was cool and I got off the boobie
Eating makes me feel big, and not like some newbie

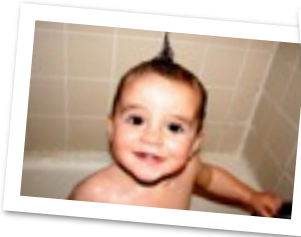
Now I'm a walking, talking, babbling machine
Come visit my crib, and you'll see what I mean

PEACE OUT!

If you want to hear more of Spoony J's views
Be sure to listen to his podcast news. (new episodes coming soon!)



*Hey
everybody! I hope your New Year is
off the hook!*



Leah's Letter



Jake:

So, I went back to work in February 2006 from my 12 week maternity leave. Yes, I cried on the first day I had to drop Jake off, but Leslie, our daycare provider, is amazing and it makes it much easier to drop him off each morning. Jake started walking at the end of October, beginning of November. He got his first pair of "real shoes" last week, and he was not sure he liked them at all! He is growing fast. He has 6 teeth, big brown eyes, and curly brown hair!

Work:

Work got progressively better throughout the year. Finally, after not having a full staff since I took on the position of Supervisor, we have a full staff of amazing professionals that make my job very easy!

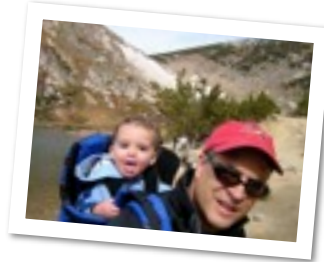
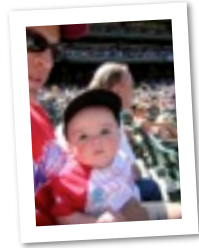
Travel:

Jake and I went to Cincinnati, Ohio to visit my mom just after the 4th of July. Jake did really well on the plane (he was about 8 months old at the time). We had a great time seeing the sights, going on walks and hikes... and Jake got used to my mom's 2 Shelties...Tommy and Bobbi. .



Family:

All the family is doing well. The most exciting thing that has happened is that my sister, Jona, moved to Paris, France in September to complete her Master's Degree in International Relations and Diplomacy. She has been visiting over the holidays...she got stuck here with the major snow storm. I will be visiting her in February for her 40th birthday, where my mom, Larry, Jona and I will also take a short trip to Barcelona, Spain. Joel is going to stay home with Jake. It will be my first time away from Jake...it will be difficult, but I know that he will be in good hands with his dad.



Joel's Letter



Jake:

What a difference a year makes! Last year at this time we had a tiny, fragile newborn named Jake. Now he's a walking, babbling, giggling, sometimes kvetchy, but always adorable little boy. Watching this life that Leah and I made take on a personality and generally becoming our "benevolent dictator" has been a pure joy to behold. There's a lot of LOVE in the house these days!!

Work:

This is my second year working as an Instructional Technology Coach for Cherry Creek Schools. It's much different from previous 3 years as the computer teacher at Sagebrush Elementary. I now travel between five schools, working with teachers primarily, and supporting their use of technology with students. I am SO thankful to work for a district that supports technology instruction, with the added bonus of working with Macintosh computers. It's very energizing to be on the cutting edge of education technology tools, and help teachers use "Web2.0" tools such as blogs, wikis, and podcasting with students and teachers.



Travel:

Most of my travel this year was work-related. I did my usual trip to Copper Mtn. in June to present at the T.I.E. (Technology in Education) Conference. I also got to travel to San Diego for NECC (Nat'l Education Computing Conference) over July 4th, and extended my stay to visit brother Mark, Madi, and Zelda in LA. Good thing I visited when I did, because in August the LA Solomons moved to London for 2 years while Mark edits a big blockbuster movie due in theaters December 2008.