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Goodbye 2011, Hello 2012!

Whew! Did 2011 have to go so fast? We had some major milestones this year including our 10-year wedding anniversary which we celebrated mouse-style in Disneyworld.

Kole's big milestone was starting kindergarten with the bus bonus included. He loves building with Legos and expanding his knowledge of the Blue Angels and any kind of fighter jet. He now rides a two wheeler, started Chess Club at the library and played flag football, baseball and soccer this year.

Dillon is a 2nd grader who got the reading bug and is enjoying the Diary of a Wimpy Kid books along with the adventures of Tin Tin and poems by Shel Silverstein. Dillon played baseball, flag football, soccer and basketball this year. He's into skateboarding and singing in the Little Bluejays choir.

Mark is approaching his 19-year mark at Apple in the wake of Steve Jobs death. He loves the company and its products and continues his work on a business intelligence team, which builds web tools to monitor logistics performance. He's still figuring out what he wants to do when (if) he grows up. Mark set a personal best of 1,400 toe touches while re-sodding our backyard with his wife for Mother's Day (followed by romantic dinner reservations at Domino's Pizza).

Sara still works at EnviroMedia, which celebrates its 15-year anniversary in 2012. She's most proud of writing shows for school outreach and recently won a national health gold medal for a documentary-style video series on emergency preparedness (www.TexasPrepares.org). She may be making more trips to the northwest as the Portland office is gaining momentum. For fun, she cast Mark as Santa in her holiday video at work - he was a smashing success!

As a family, we are reveling in the back-to-back "most creative" holiday lights competition. This year, our display promoted the Jingle Bell Bike Ride we organize in our neighborhood. As a family, we are lucky to live in Austin and celebrate the magic of being alive and well. Have a Happy New Year! Hope to see you real soon.

Lots of love from all of us

Mark, Sara, Dillon & Kole

