

BILLY CO.

November 2009 - January 2009



Two events marked the month of November. One was Lydia's 6th Birthday. She had a fun party that was attended by several of the kids in the neighborhood. She asked that a horse be the picture on her cake this year because horses are currently her favorite animal. Thanks to generous relatives, her My Little Pony © collection is rapidly growing.



The other noteworthy event in the kid's lives was that our temperamental cat Shadow gave birth to a kitten they named Oreo (due to its black and white coloring). It was an exciting day for the kids, watching a live animal come out of another animal. We kept expecting more to come out, but there was only one. Billy had the hardest time learning to be gentle with the little kitten. Whenever we heard Billy's devious giggle somewhere in the house, we knew that the poor kitten was being tortured. In spite of numerous spankings and punishments Billy has continued to take great delight in torturing the kitten.



December finally brought the long anticipated Christmas visit of Grammie and Poppie. After many weeks of waiting they finally came, bringing loads of gifts and games. All of the kids had great fun with them. The picture you see is our annual 'Hot Co-Co by the Fire' that we do every Christmas Eve. Cory especially liked playing catch with Poppy with the new ball and glove he got for Christmas. Don't overlook the stately Christmas tree behind Luke.



We celebrated New Year's in the village with little sparkler sticks. There wasn't anything really noteworthy about the night or the event, but here is a picture of it.

Finally, we kicked off the New Year by taking Grammie and Poppie to Bali for a week. The kids enjoyed their time – especially Lydia who is the fish of the family. She loves swimming and was in the water every chance she could get.



Other Notes: After 1 semester of public school, we gave Cory and Lydia the option to quit. They gladly accepted and are now only home schooled. Cory continues to love Star Wars Legos and Clone Wars. He was really excited to find that there is a Clone Wars web site with Clone Wars video games. As mentioned above, Lydia loves swimming, horses, and wants her hair to get really long. Billy is our early riser, often waking up before us. He storms in to our bedroom and says, "Its good morning time!" with a big smile. He always refers to morning as "Good morning time." Of late he has often been bothered by things "ticklin' him". "My socks are ticklin' me." My blankets are ticklin' me." But one of his loves right now is Bob the Builder and toy tools that he can work with.