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Cory is nearing his 5th birthday next month. He still loves to draw, do puzzles, listen to books, and have occasional lessons in reading and riding (bike riding without training wheels). He continues to be a great helper if given lots of instructions, but when left to his own devices he is a wild man. Last week Sarah found him leading Lydia and two other friends in destroying a corner of the house with one of the “rhythm sticks” Grammie brought when she visited. He is still very affectionate towards Billy and tolerant to amiable towards Lydia.

Lydia continues to surprise us with her patient “chip-away” at problems attitude. Earlier this month she and Cory helped Sarah work on a difficult 500-piece circular puzzle (Thanks, Grandma Pierce!). Cory and Luke got frustrated at times, but Lydia chipped away and at three years old she finished the whole left section of it. This persistence has a down side, though, when she asks for something and turns on her nagging machine. She had a surprise haircut this month when we found her head covered with **LICE!** We don’t know where she got it, and no one else in the family got it, but we all agree her shorter hair looks better than the longer hair that reached down to the middle of her back.

At 11 months **Billy** has really got crawling down. To Sarah’s frustration he is able to get any where in the house with great speed. His crawling style resembles a tank, straight over obstacles rather going around them. He is already pulling himself up and will no doubt be walking soon. Below he is enjoying a leisurely moment in our “car seat turned swing” as he thinks about his first birthday next month.

Susu – You’ll notice a picture is missing for the newest member of the family, Susu, the milky white puppy. After three short weeks in the Samoff home, it was decided that we are already busy enough and did not need another little one to take care of, feed, and clean up after. So Luke took her back to her mom and siblings, who, hopefully, will let her back into the family.



Susu

Destructive energies



Constructive energies



The tank



The children send their greetings:

“I love you, I love you, I love you.” – Cory

“I love you and I think I care for you.” – Lydia

“Baked oatmeal” – Billy (I really heard him say it)