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## **Can't get enough of Chuck!**

This morning the girls and I were sleeping in because we got back in so late. At about 7:30am we were awakened by a piercing loud ringing sound. The lights were blinking everywhere. It was the fire alarms. A voice came on the speaker saying we had to evacuate the premises..there was a fire!

So I had to get the girls up and I grabbed my purse and my laptop and the girls grabbed their lovey blankets and we had to WALK down 8 flights of stairs! UGH!! Not a nice way to wake up.

We and all of the other guests were waiting outside. The firetrucks came. We were out there for about 1/2 an hour. Then we were told we could go back to our room. I was told that one of the guests was cooking and it set off the fire alarm because they were cooking at such a high temperature that it was burning. WTF!! People just amaze me!

So my plans for taking the girls to visit my friend, Ali, who has triplets the same age as Savannah changed. We were supposed to drive to her house, go swimming and have lunch. She lives in Westford, which is a good hour from Woburn. We are flying back today and I need to be at the airport at 3:30pm to check in for our flight at 6:45pm. I want to have plenty of time and not be rushed for unforeseen things that might occur.

I packed up our stuff in boxes and mailed them out at the local post office. There was no way I was dealing with checking in boxes at the airport while being by myself with my 4 girls...not happening! We checked out at 11:30am and I was all done at the post office a little bit after noon.

So Ali and I decided to meet up at Chuck E Cheese in Burlington, where I had met up with Melissa and Tracey. It was so cool to meet Ali!! She is so beautiful and the sweetest person. Her gorgeous trio are so sweet. We took some great pictures of our kids with Chuck E. The kids had a blast playing games together and we had pizza lunch. We spent a couple of hours together.

I drove directly to the Boston Airport and dropped off the minivan at the car rental agency. Can I say what a God send the GPS was for me!! It got me all over and was very accurate to get me where I needed to go in unfamiliar territory. I felt very empowered, independent and competent with my GPS. It was just me and my girls on a fabulous adventure!

A really nice guy that worked at the rental agency took the car seats that I had uninstalled and loaded them on the airport bus. I got all of us loaded into the bus and headed to the Boston Airport..United Terminal.

I grabbed a cart and we checked in our car seats. Then we headed to security. Everything went smooth and like clock work. I had given myself plenty of time so I was not stressed and not frazzled. It was a good check in at the security...whew!! Laptop, iPad and all...

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We got on our plane to find out there were weather delays in the midwest. It was backing up all of the flights. Our 6:45pm flight was grounded for 2 hours. Thank God this momma is an experienced traveler and I packed all of the girls back packs with snacks, treats, drinks and toys. Can you believe the airline didn't give us ONE drink while we were waiting the 2 hours on the ground!!

After about an hour, the girls crashed out. I crashed out too. We got into L.A. at about midnight. Cliff was happy to see us at the baggage claim. I quickly and efficiently installed the 4 car seats and we headed home.

What an incredible and memorable visit to Boston. I am so proud that I was able to use my resources and with the help of my dear friends, we had the most wonderful vacation in Boston.

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