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Some fun things we did the week of Christmas

I have been so busy during the Holidays I wasn't able to post what we have been up to in December. So here is what we did for the Holidays:

On Tues. 12/17/08 I bundled up the girls in their warmest, footed PJ's and packed them up in the car. We were going for an evening adventure to see Christmas lights!! I drove them to this incredible neighborhood in Brea where for blocks and blocks residents have spectacular lights decorating the front of their homes. It truly looked magical. The girls "oohed and awwed". I had Christmas music going in the car and we sang and pointed out their favorite Christmas Hero "Rudolph" every time they saw him. It was so fun. They fell asleep in the car on the drive home and we tucked them in tightly to bed.

On Thursday, 12/18/08, it was Savannah's Christmas Party at Preschool. I took her sisters to her classroom and Savannah was so happy to have all of us with her at their Classroom Christmas party. We gave out McDonald's Gift Certificated to all of the kids and the teachers got my famous homemade banana nut bread with McDonald's Gift Certificates. Savannah got some really cute and nice Christmas presents from her teacher and her classmates.

That same day on Thursday we attended another Christmas party with the La Habra Mom's club. That afternoon I baked brownies, wrapped a present for each of the girls for Santa to give them for the La Habra Mom's Club Christmas party. We were going to originally have the party at the park, but the weather was very cold so we had it at Crossroads Church which is where we have our monthly meetings. Santa showed up and each child got to sit on his lap and tell Santa what he or she wanted for Christmas and then a photo was taken of them with Santa. We had some nice group photos taken with all of the kids and Santa. There were balloons all over the place for the kids to play with. It was a lot of fun to be with my friends and see all of our kiddos play together.

Friday, 12/19/08 I went to a really fun Mom's Night Out with my La Habra Mom's Club. We each brought yummy goodies to eat and drink. We did a white elephant exchange. A lot of the women seemed to like the present I brought which was a nice Christmas centerpiece and a pound of Sees Chocolate Candy. The Sees was donated by Cliff as his customer is Sees Candy and they gave it to him for Christmas. The present I picked was a really cute over the shoulder bag that works great for an incognito diaper bag - very chic!! After we did presents, we watched a really great movie called Love Always. What a great movie that was. The party wrapped up at 1:00am in the morning - woo hoo!!

Saturday, 12/20/2008 Cliff and I took the girls to the Brea Mall to get pictures with Santa. They sat on his lap and Savvy gave her wish list to him. Then they each received a hug and a lollipop. There was a treat for the kids also. They had a person there making balloon figures and he made each girl gigantic candy canes made out of the balloons. Then we went to have lunch at the Food Court in the Mall. We had a great time.

On Monday 12/22/2008 I hosted a Christmas Crafts Playdate at our house for my La Habra Mom's Club. We made Jingle Bell necklaces and picture ornaments for the Christmas Tree. Then we had snacks and lunch. It lasted from about 10:30-3:00pm. The kids all had fun, and so did the moms!!

On Wednesday, Christmas Eve, 12/24/2008 we were supposed to go to Cliff's Christmas party at Numatic Engineering. Cliff was really sick and we decided to stay home. It was a cold and rainy day, perfect for all of us to stay in and snuggle up together. I spent the evening in the middle of the night while the girls were sleeping, wrapping all of the presents, stuffing the Christmas stockings and putting out Santa's cookies and Rudolph's carrot. It took me almost 4 hours!!

On Thursday, Christmas Day, the girls woke and ran into our room. They were excited to see what Santa had brought them. So I changed all of their diapers, Cliff and I took a shower and then we all went out to see what Santa had brought them. It was so fun to see their eyes gleaming and they were all screaming with delight. They got REAL guitars, Savannah got her skates, they each got 3 outfits, they each got 2 sets of Tinkerbell and Ariel towels that had blinking lights, Savannah got her Mickey Mouse Bath Towel that she was wishing for and telling Santa that she really wanted, the triplets got a Little Mermaid Ariel Kitchen, they got puzzles, Legos and a Little People Playhouse. It wasn't a hugely extravagant Christmas, but it was just perfect and just right. for the girls We paid cash for everything so it is nice not to have a credit card bill for the presents this year.

Christmas dinner was very nice. My brothers, Ron and Rob came as well as Ron's roommate, Bob. I made Rob's favorite - my homemade spinach and artichoke dip with sourdough bread and shrimp cocktail. I made a Prime Rib, baked potatoes, corn, croissants and chocolate cake for dessert. They seemed to really enjoy the meal. It was a very nice evening with my brothers.

On Friday, 12/26/2008, my dad and my step mom came over to spend the weekend with us. We went to JCPenney's and had family portraits done. Then we went to dinner at Bobby McGee's in Brea. We had a blast at dinner. They gave us a private room, had the table set up for the girls with crayons and coloring books and made this impressive balloon masterpiece that the girls played with through the whole dinner. Dinner was very good. We had a very nice time.

On Saturday 12/27/2008 I took my dad and step mom shopping. We spent the afternoon together and went to a few stores and my dad purchased some shoes at Sears. Rob came over and we enjoyed a nice chicken dinner together and had quality family time. Rob spent the night as well as dad and Fran.

On Sunday 12/28/2008 We all had a nice breakfast together and dad and Fran left at about 10:30am to drive home to Mountain View, CA which is near San Jose and about a half hour away from San Francisco. I had a nice bbq steak lunch for Rob and us. Rob was here till about 3pm and then he went home.

On New Year's Eve we took the girls to Downtown Fullerton. I had it all planned out. I put the triplets and Savvy down for a late nap at 4:30 and they slept till about 6pm. Then I woke them up, got them dressed and bundled up. I packed some of their favorite munchies to eat while we

were out. We planned to meet our friends, Victoria, Joe and their girls Sophia and Julianna met us there. Downtown Fullerton is a really neat place to visit on New Year's Eve for families. They have lots of fun family things to do such as Ice Skating, live entertainment kiddie rides and good food. The girls went on a fun ride. I surprised them with fun blinking starts that they could wear around their neck. Then Cliff got a bite to eat and I ran into a good friend of ours, Jody and her daughter Amanda. We then went to listen to some live music. At about 10:30 it was getting very cold and late for all of us so we packed it up and got home at about 11pm. The girls crashed out on the ride home and we tucked them into their beds. Cliff and I rang in the New Year together. It was a really nice and fun New Year's Eve.

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