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**THE BEST WAY
TO MAKE
YOUR DREAMS
COME TRUE IS
TO WAKE UP.**

-Paul Valery

GAM



April was a fun month for Gam. They took Croft and Lily with them to California for Kai's blessing. They enjoyed being with Rondsey and their family. And they're glad Tommy, Laura and their family could be there as well. They swam, at least the kids did, celebrated Ezra's birthday, and went to the ward talent show that Lindsey was in charge of. The girls danced to the song from Zootopia. A big shout out to Laura for helping them with this. They enjoyed conference and then the beautiful blessing Rob gave to Kai. They left Croft there and brought Zoie back with them for the DC trip. They had fun having Locke with them and seeing Cole play in his tournament. They were glad to have Rob and Ava come for a few days. They loved hearing about the fun trip Chad, Tiffany, Elle, Crew, Jace, and Zoie had to DC. Grandma Pam was able to go to California with Blake, Sarah, Sophie, and Grace. They enjoyed Disneyland, the beach, and spending time with Tommy and Laura's family. Grandpa Gene wasn't able to go but stayed busy with the YSA ward Luau and a dinner and comedy show with his work.

CHIFFANY



Chiff started out the month with a fun, memorable trip to Washington, D.C. Croft loved being in Cali with Ava, and Locke had fun hopping houses. In other news, they decided they will try to buy their current home. If all goes through, they are getting a good deal with instant equity and no one has to move any boxes. Elle turned 14 and suddenly started to notice boys. She and Croft have been working on coloring file folder games for kids in an orphanage in Peru. It's been fun to see them working together. Crew and Croft have been enjoying their weekly art class and a 4H Healthy Living class. Croft goes to yoga with Tiff on Fridays for some extra bonding time. Locke is loving his little gymnastics class and can't wait until his baseball season starts. He and Crew play together every morning before they start school work, but after he has checked the ESPN app to see which teams won and who is playing that day. Chiff's family has been reading "Peter and the Starcatcher" this month and they got to see the play at the Hale Center theatre with Gam.

BRASHLEE



The beginning of April was full of fun and adventures for the kids. Lily had a fabulous time in California with everyone there. She was incredibly missed on the home front by her best friend and sister, Kate. She was able to bring home some confidence and skills in dancing (thanks to Laura) and she and Kate performed the Zootopia dance for our ward talent show. Jace had an unforgettable time in Washington DC and has so many fun stories and memories from it. While Jace was away, Cole played baseball and lots of it. His team won the championship of The Pizza Factory Tournament over spring break. Cohen has entered Ashlee's least favorite baby phase - spoon feeding, and continues to woo everyone with his adorable smile and dimples. Bryan celebrated another year of getting older. He hopes his knees make it to 40. Ashlee has been busy doing the usual motherhood routine and looks forward to one day getting their basement put together.

RONDSEY



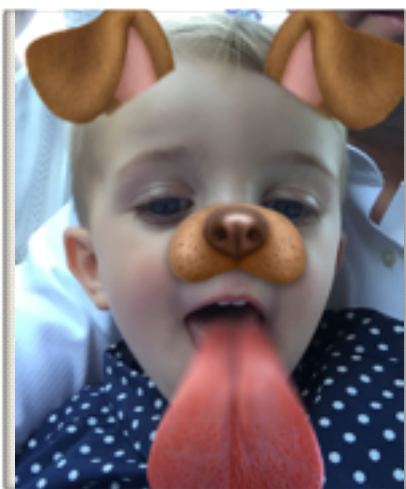
Life never seems to slow down for Rondsey. They blessed Kai over Conference weekend and had lots of visitors and family. Kai's a happy and healthy baby - maybe a bit too healthy. Ezra turned 4 and makes sure he tells everybody. He has 2 baseball games a week. He loves playing catcher. Ava has been preparing for her part in the 2nd Grade play/production of Rumpus in the Rainforest - she's a frog. Zoie had an amazing trip to Washington D.C. - a HUGE shoutout to Chad and Tiffany for the trip and memories. (And we loved having Croft and Lily). Lindsey was able to go garage selling (buying) with her birthday money. And she won 4 DISNEYLAND TIX at the School Bingo Night!!! Rob drove out to Utah with Ava and Croft to pick up Zo. They watched Cole's baseball games. Rob went to Orlando last week for his sales meeting.

BLARAH



Blarah had a fun month full of travel. Sarah was able to go to Colorado at the beginning of April with one of her mission companions. Grace tagged along, and they had so much fun visiting some of Sarah's favorite places and people in Colorado. To celebrate Sophie's 3rd birthday they went to California. They had so much fun going to Disneyland and the beach and spending time with Laura, Tommy, Lyla, and Luke (and grandma Pam). Sophie was able to meet her best friend (Daisy Duck), and had the time of her life getting all Disneyed out.

TAURA



Laura is on the home stretch of her pregnancy with baby Jordy J McNeilis. Yep, baby boy has a name! In April, Tommy & Laura loved being in Rocklin for baby Kai's blessing and conference weekend and Ez's birthday party. The visitors and Erickson girls all performed a dance for the ward talent show and had a blast. Tommy went to China for 6 days. He attended a large trade show and visited some of his suppliers. He also really enjoyed bartering at the large flea markets there. L, L, & L went to a big fair in Long Beach while Tommy was gone and Lyla had so much fun in the mirror maze. They are all looking forward to the birth of the baby boy and Angels' baseball.

TOMMY MCNEILIS



Sweet or Salty?	Sweet
City or Mountains?	City
Soda or Water?	Soda
Books or TV?	TV
Insta or Facebook?	Insta
T Swift or J Biebs	J Biebs
Mc'd's or Wendy's?	Wendy's
Pen or pencil?	Pen

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BE ATTACKED BY 70
HOUSE CATS OR 2 LIONS?

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HAVE 5 WISHES (AND YOU
CAN'T ASK FOR MONEY) OR 1
MILLION DOLLARS?

5 wishes

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LEGALLY CHANGE YOUR
LAST NAME TO HITLER OR
NEVER EAT CEREAL AGAIN?

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TOMMY'S FAVORITE THINGS

FOOD:

Cereal

ICECREAM FLAVOR:

Mint Choc Chip

FAVORITE ACTOR

Brad Pitt

BOOK AS A KID:

Sports Illustrated
Kids

SUBJECT IN
MIDDLE SCHOOL:

Gym

TYPE OF MUSIC:

Acoustic

DRINK:

Orange Juice

GAME TO PLAY
WITH YOUR KIDS:

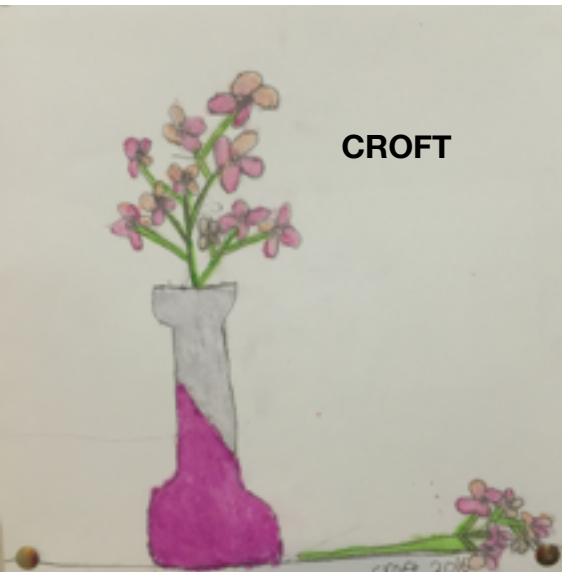
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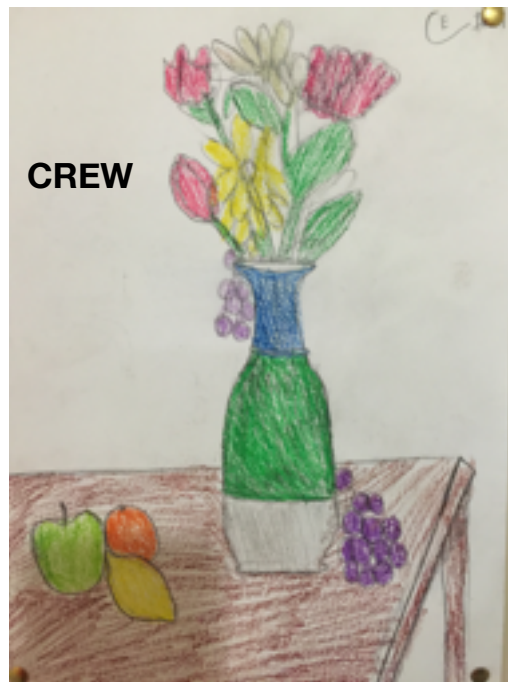
TK Burger

Paul Cezanne

This month is about Paul Cezanne. Cezanne lived from 1839-1906. He lived in France. He was well known for his still life's. Cezanne was a post-impressionist painter. Post-impressionist is when artists use short, thin brush strokes in their work. That's what Crew and I did in our art class.



CROFT



CREW

Croft's
Colorful
Corner!

Jace and Kate

