

This has been quite the eventful year. Between Jenna going to school and Thea learning to walk\talk, its amazing how quickly time goes by.

The year started with us trying to potty train Jenna (exciting, I know). Its amazing how exciting things like this are when you have kids. I never thought I would be as excited as I was when Jenna first used her portable potty. It was hit or miss, but every step was in the right direction. It wasn't until we went to a pre-school open-house that it finally clicked. We sat down with Jenna and explained that she couldn't come back here for summer camp or later pre-school if she didn't learn to use the big potty. Within a few days, Jenna started using the normal bathroom and never looked back.

In addition to pre-school, Jenna does Dance once a week. Working up towards her Christmas dance recital on December 9th. She will be wearing makeup (Not sure how we feel about this...), tap shoes, and a cute little outfit. Both singing and dancing. She practices every chance she can, despite us trying to keep her dance shoes\clothes out of reach.

Thea is enjoying the peace and quiet when Jenna is at pre-school. As of December 5th, she has two bottom teeth starting to poke through. She loves enjoying new flavors and textures as we let her eat "big kid" food instead of the normal baby stuff. She has learned that she can quietly crawl over to something, and if she is caught will giggle and crawl as fast as she can. She hasn't started to walk yet, but she will stand on her own and take a few steps before resorting to crawling.

Thea loves her big sisters' antics. And Jenna will do almost anything to make Thea laugh. It's both frustrating and amazing to watch them together. Hopefully best friends for life.

Abigail has been working hard at her full-time jobs. Amazingly able to raise two girls, operate her own crafting business, fit in schedule photography shoots all while being an amazing wife. She truly doesn't know the meaning of quit, she goes non-stop at whatever task she is working on.

I've changed jobs a few times. Leaving the job based out of Missouri that had me assigned to a Portsmouth office, to go back into Consulting. Meeting some amazing people, who I truly enjoyed working with. After a few months, I received a job offer from the Portsmouth office which was splitting away from the parent company. Its an opportunity I couldn't pass up and allows me to spend more time with my family.

Happy Holidays from the Pike Family