Christmas 2011

Dear Friends and Family,

What a year! Sarah joined a "build-your-own-rollercoaster" club at school. She constructed a working roller coaster in our driveway—using John's workbench, my dining chairs, and every extension cord we own. The good news: it worked! The bad news: it flung Alex into the neighbor's pool.

Alex (5) also started a career in magic. His best trick? Making all my car keys disappear. We found them three months later...in the dishwasher.

John tried skydiving for his birthday but got tangled in a parachute and landed in a pumpkin patch. As for me, I attempted to join a book club but accidentally became the treasurer of the local sword-fighting guild.

Wishing you a Christmas filled with fewer flying toddlers!

Off the rails,

The Smith Family