

A year in the life of The Corkum Family

Jan.

We finally met a speech therapist who could identify Ty's speech error as consonant harmonization.

Feb.

Patrick left his job and started insquare, LLC (a consulting and software company) a week before we got upwards of 40 inches of snow. Ty was baptized and we spent a lot of time watching the Olympics.

Mar.

We started the 2010 garden. Patrick jumped on the blogging train to kill time while waiting for business opportunities. PJ invented a new family favorite—bacon, egg, and cheese pasta.

Apr.

PJ turned 7. We celebrated a year home with Ty. Grafted Families decided to host its first annual adoption conference.

May

Uncle Tim graduated from Roanoke College while Patrick attended a national orphan care summit. Mia got her first manicure at what could become an annual girls' day out. The kids planned a small, surprise birthday dessert and celebration for Melissa. Melissa danced in her first recital in 5 years playing Grace in the show *Annie*.

Jun.

Mia performed in her first recital. PJ chose to learn how to cook over summer vacation. Mia turned 5. We harvested hundreds of strawberries from our little patch.

Jul.

insquare, LLC landed a contract position. Our counters were full with garden produce. Uncle Al came to visit for a couple days. We reminded ourselves to be thankful for the hot weather because it could be 40 inches of snow.

Merry Christmas from our family to yours!

Aug.

Summer wrapped up with lots of visits to a local beach and new cooking projects. We even learned how to make jam and jelly.

Sept.

Mia started kindergarten. Ty started a once a week gymnastics camp. Patrick coached PJ's soccer team. Patrick resumed seminary classes after a summer hiatus.

Oct.

Melissa and Mia donated 10 inches each to Locks of Love. Ty started showing marked improvement in attention span and independent play. Most of Patrick and Melissa's free time was spent planning the Grafted Families conference.

Nov.

The Grafted Families Adoption and Foster Care conference was a fabulous success. We celebrated Thanksgiving with a full house.

Dec.

Ty turns 4. Come visit us at www.thecorkums.com, www.patrickcorkum.com, and www.graftedfamilies.com to see how the rest of December and 2011 goes!

