

Rondeau Family Newsletter



The boys had fun decorating mini gingerbread houses at our friends' house after school on the last day before the break.

Once again, it is a joy to write and share our newsletter letter with you.

Sent to you with love....



Happy New Year from our family to yours!

Well, as in past years, December crept up on me, and the days blended one into the next in a blur, as the busy-ness of the season took over. I decided a while back I would be doing a New Year's letter instead of a Christmas one, and so here we are. I hope that you had a great year in 2011, and that it ended on a perfect note with the holidays.

Of course the years seem to go by so quickly and I always say I will be more organized next year. This year I think I was a little more on the ball, so I am happy with baby steps.



What's new with us?

In March, Greg will have been with ATCO for 6 years. He worked hard this past summer removing our wood deck and building a composite one. The railing was also replaced and stairs down to the yard were widened. He also built a wonderful gazebo that is strong enough to withstand our Grande Prairie winds. We will enjoy these improvements to our back yard for many years to come. This coming summer landscaping is on the agenda, and whatever else spirals from that!

I am in my 2nd yr as a teacher assistant in the Montessori, and this past summer, I completed my Montessori training. I work 4 days a week, and Reese is on the same schedule as me, so we enjoy our Fridays off together. Last year I painted the boys' bedrooms, Reese's is Lego and Hunter's is soccer themed. I coach both boys' soccer teams which I really enjoy. I have also taken up Zumba with a couple of friends, so we have a fun evening out once a week getting some exercise.

"We can count to ten in Japanese!"



Reese and Hunter in their gi's, ready for ju-jitsu.



Hunter, 7 ½ years old, Grade 2



Reese, 5 years old, Kindergarten

The Boys



The boys are doing many of the same things they have enjoyed in the past, and this year they added ju-jitsu to their weekly routine. They seem to be having fun learning this new sport and its nice to see them take pride in their accomplishments when they learn new skills and earn their stripes and belts.

Hunter is in Grade 2 and will be 8 years old in January. He is in his last year of Music for Young Children and plans to take his Grade 1 Royal Conservatory exam in June. A soccer fanatic, he is again playing with the U8 boys. Next year he makes the leap to U10 and would like to try out for the Wolves team, which is the competitive league (and "real" coaches as opposed to volunteer ones). Hunter loves reading, drawing, building with Lego, and any type of game.



Reese is in Kindergarten and will turn 6 in June. He started Music for Young Children this year, and since these are parented classes, I am starting again from the beginning! He is in U6 soccer, and next year will also advance to the next age group and play with U8 boys. Reese learned to ride his bike without training wheels last spring, and so bike riding was a daily activity all summer. Reese had his eyebrow reconstruction surgery on December 19, and it went so well – he was such a brave boy and its healing great. When he woke up from the anesthetic, he ate 4 popsicles in a row! We head back to Calgary in early February for a followup and then yearly checkups after that. Reese enjoys colouring, reading, Lego and games. He and his brother are a couple of peas in a pod.



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anytime!**

A special message from our family

We want to extend our wishes to you and your family for the best in 2012. May health and happiness be yours as you journey through the seasons of the coming year, enjoying all that life has to offer.

Love and hugs,



**The boys' favorite
Christmas joke:**

**What did the cow say on
Christmas morning?**

Mooey Christmas!