



Greetings!

Hopefully the days aren't speeding by as quickly in your home as they are with the Guerras! It's amazing how quickly the end of the year comes upon us and a new one is just around the corner.

Lilah is 8 ½ years old (very important to get that half in there!) and is in the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. She enjoys school immensely and loves to draw elaborate pictures for any project or story she writes. Math is coming easily for her and right now, her main fascination is anything related to the solar system since she's been studying it in school. A trip over break to the Griffith Observatory in L.A. is in order! To keep her busy after school, she continues piano and Spanish lessons every week and soon will start soccer. In October, Lilah completed her first kids' triathlon at the local YMCA. She had to swim, bike, and run and even though she pushed herself a bit too hard at the end (to beat a girl who was in front of her...a little competitive!), she completed it and was proud of her accomplishment. And one more big change is her journey toward getting braces! She's actually excited about it but we'll see how she feels after a few months ☺

Luke is 5 (will be 6 in April) and just started Kindergarten this year. He couldn't wait to take the same bus to school as Lilah and be a "big kid." He enjoys school and all the activities that he gets to do, but definitely doesn't enjoy doing homework! He'll get it done with some prodding and pushing, but all in all, he's having fun learning new things. Luke has been busy this past year playing soccer in the spring and fall, but right now wants to do take karate lessons. We'll see.....

Dave continues at Semtech here in Camarillo as their Internet Marketing Manager and spent his free time (well, some of it!) training for the three triathlons he completed this past year. We're always proud to be waiting for him to cross the finish line and the kids give him a big hug. The rest of his free time is spent surfing and of course hanging with the kids. A first this year was Dave being an assistant coach for Luke's soccer team, although trying to get six 5-year-old boys to stay focused proved to be a daunting task!

Cathy has more flexible hours now that both kids are on the same school schedule and has become a gym rat...sort of. ☺ Spin class has become an obsession and now she's going to conquer running. There's no goal, like a marathon or anything. It's more of trying to get and stay in shape. She's still busy helping with the kids' classroom activities and shuttling kids to after-school activities and doctor appointments. The days just fly by!

So that's life in a nutshell, but there's more about our trips to LegoLand, Lake Tahoe, and other fun adventures, with LOTS of pictures, on our family website:

<http://blog.daveandcathy.net/>

and don't forget...keep in touch!

